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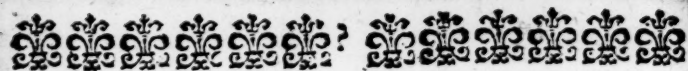
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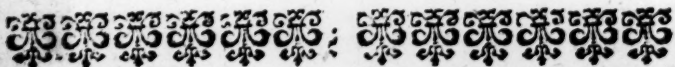


First worship God , and his Commands  
obey.

And next the King , who doth his Scep-  
ter sway.



Observe his Laws, no Innovators trust,  
And to thy Neighbor, as thy self, be just.



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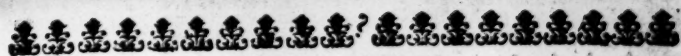
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*His Royal GRACE,*

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In the County of WILTS,

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JAMES,

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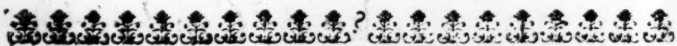
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# The Kings Psalter.

## PSAL. I.



Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners; nor hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But delighteth in the Lord, and his Law; and therewith doth exercise himself both day and night.

3 He shall flourish like a Tree planted by the waters side; casting his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf shall be green, and pleasant, and in all his actions shall he prosper.

5 So shall not the ungodly, for they shall be dispersed as the wind scattereth chaff from the earth.

6 Neither shall he be able to stand in Judgment; nor shall the sinner be admitted into the Congregation of the righteous.

7 For the righteous are known unto the Lord, but the unrighteous man shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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### HYMN.

**T**ell me, oh tell me, he that can,  
Who may be call'd the Blessed man:  
Hark, a Saint it is replies,

He that hates Vanities and Lies;  
That makes it wholly his delight,  
To serve the Lord both day and night,  
He shall be fruitful as a Vine  
Planted in holy *Palestine*.

The wicked shall be nothing so,  
For they as evil weeds shall grow,  
And ere their days be half way o're,  
Shall perish, and be seen no more.

### Antiphon.

*The righteous man is as an Angel crowned with  
Glory and Worship.*

### PSAL. 2.

**W**hy do the Heathen rage, and the people  
imagine a vain thing?

2 Taking counsel against the Lord, and  
against his Anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast  
their cords from us.

4 Why do they vainly persecute those whom  
the Lord preserves?

5 For the righteous are his chosen Vessels;  
they shall flourish like a Palm-tree, and spread  
abroad like the Cedars in Lebanon.

6 They that fear the Lord, shall walk thro-  
row the valley of the shadow of death; his rod  
and his staff shall be their comfort,

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7 He is the Resurrection and the Life; He that believeth in him, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### HYMN.

**B**lessed Saviour; God of peace,  
When Storms arise, or shall encrease,  
Say thou the word, and they shall cease.

Allay their fury, quench their rage,  
Whose factions would disturb the Age,  
Their fiery zeal do thou assuage.

Be thou a Comforter to those  
That never do the Truth oppose,  
Them strengthen, and convert their foes.

### Antiphon.

*O Lord, our Governour, how excellent is thy Name  
throughout the world!*

### PSAL. 3.

A Summary of Gods Providence.

**C**ome now and hear, you that fear the  
Lord, and I will tell you what he hath  
done for my soul:

2 *Yea, I will tell you what he hath done for  
pours; and the wonders of his bounty towards  
all the world.*

3 *When we lay asleep in the shades of no-  
thing, his mighty hand awak't us into a being,*

4 *Not that of Stones, or Plants, or Beasts;  
over which he hath made us absolute Lords:*

5 *But an accomplished body, and immortal*  
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Spirit; and little inferior to his glorious Angels

6 He printed on our souls his own similitude; and promised to our obedience his own felicity.

7 He endued us with appetites to live well and happy, and furnished us with means to satisfy those appetites:

8 Creating a world to serve us here, and providing a Heaven to glorify us hereafter.

9 Thus didst thou favour us, O infinite Goodness! But we, what return did we make to thee?

10 Blush, O my soul, for Shame; and weep for grief, at thy ingratitude:

11 We childishly preferred a tribul apple, before the Law of our God, and the safety of our own lives:

12 We fondly embraced a little present satisfaction, before the pleasures of Paradise, and the eternity of Heaven:

13 Behold the unhappy source of all our misery; whose streams increased as they went farther on:

14 Till they exalted at last a deluge of injustice, to drown their seas of iniquity.

15 And here, alas, had been an end of man; a sad and fatal end of the whole world:

16 Had not our wise Creator fore-seen the danger; and in time prevented the extremity of the ruine:

17 Reserving for himself a few choice plants,

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to replenish the earth with more hopeful fruit.

18 Yet they grew wilde, and brought forth  
sowre grapes; and their childrens teeth were  
set on edge.

19 They aspired to an intollerable pride, of  
fortifying their wickedness, against the power  
of Heaven:

20 Justice was now provoked to a second de-  
luge; and to cover the earth again with an-  
other Cloud:

21 But mercy discovered a bowe in the cloud;  
and our faithful God remembred his promise.

22 Alaying their punishment with a milder  
sentence; and onely scattering them from the  
place of their conspiracy:

23 Which yet his providence turned into a  
blessing, by making it an occasion of peopling  
the world:

24 Still their rebellious nature disobeyed  
again; and neither feared his judgments, nor  
valued his mercies:

25 But by a gracious emulation propaga-  
ted sin, as far as his goodness propagated man-  
kinde.

26 Then he selected a private family; and  
increased and governed them with a particular  
tenderness:

27 Giving them a law by the hands of An-  
gels; and engaging their obedience by a thou-  
sand favors.

28 But they neglected to their God, and  
Hea:

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Heaven; and fell in love with the ways of death

29 When thou hadst thus, O dearest Lord, tryed every remedy, and found our disease beyond all cure;

30 When the light of nature proved too weak a guide, and the general flood too milde a correction:

31 When the Miracles of Moses could not soften their hearts, nor the law of Angels bring any to perfection;

32 When all was reduced to this desperate state, and no imaginable hope left to recover us;

33 Behold the Eternal Wisdom findes a strange expedient; the last and highest instance of almighty love:

34 He resolves to cloath himself with our flesh; and to descend from heaven, and die for our redemption.

35 Wonder, O my soul, at the mercies of the Lord; how infinitely transcending even our utmost wishes:

36 Wonder at the admirable providence of his counsels; how exactly fitted to their great design!

37 Had he been less than God, we could never have believed the sublime mysteries of his Heavenly Doctrine:

38 Had he been other than man, we must needs have wanted the powerful motive of his holy Example.

39 Had he been onely God, he could never have

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have suffered the least of those afflictions he so gloriously overcame :

40 Had he been méerly man, he could never have overcome those infinite afflictions he so patiently suffered :

41 O blessed Jesu, both these thou art in thy self ; be thou both these unto us :

42 Be thou our God, and make us adore thee ; be thou our Leader, and make us follow thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

## HYMN.

JESU, who from thy Fathers Throne,  
To this low Vale of tears camst down,  
In our poor nature drest :

O may the charms of that sweet love,  
Draw up our souls to thee above,  
And fix them there to rest.

Jesu, who wert with joy conceiv'd,  
With joy wert born, while no pain griev'd  
Thy Mothers Virgin Womb :

O may we breed, and bring thee forth  
In our glad hearts, for all is mirth  
Where thou art pleas'd to come.

Jesu, whose high and humble Birth,  
In heaven the Angels, and on earth  
The faithful Shepherds sing :

O may our Hymns which here run low,  
Shoot up aloft, and fruitful grow  
In that Eternal Spring.

Jesu,

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Jesu, how soon didst thou begin  
To bleed, and suffer for our sin,  
The circumcising Knife!  
O may thy grace, by making good  
Our souls just cause 'gainst flesh and blood,  
Cut off that dangerous strife.

Jesu, who took'st that heavenly Name,  
Thy blessed purpose to proclaim,  
Of saving lost mankind;  
O may we bow our heart and knee,  
Bright King of Names, to glorious Thee,  
And thy hid sweetness finde.

Jesu, who thus began'st our Bliss,  
Thou carry'dst on our happiness,  
To thee all praise be pay'd;  
O may the Great Mysterious Three,  
For ever live, and ever be  
Ador'd, belov'd, obey'd.

### Antiphon.

*Blessed be the mercy of our God, who hath left no way untryed, that could possibly recover us.*

### PSAL. 4.

**S**oon as his blest Decree was made, of send-  
ing the Son of God to redeem mankind:

2 Immediately his goodness was ready to  
come among us, had our ungracious world  
been ready to receive him:

3 But we as yet were too gross, and sensual;  
and utterly incapable of so pure a Law:

4 We were immerst in cares and pleasures;  
and

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and wholly indisposed for so perfect an obedience

5 While we were thus unfit for thee, O thou God of pure and perfect holiness,

6 Thou graciously wert pleased to stay for us; and all that time prepare us for thy presence.

7 From the beginning entertaining us with hope; and through every age confirming our faith.

8 How early, O Lord, didst thou engage to relieve us: The seed of the Woman shall break the Serpents head?

9 How often didst thou repeat thy promise to Abraham; In thy seed shall all the Nations of the earth be blessed?

10 How many ways did thy mercy invent, by unquestionable tokens to give notice of thy coming?

11 Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and his name shall be called God with us:

12 A Branch shall shoot out of the Stock of Jesse; and from the Root of that Branch shall spring a Flower:

13 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; and the Spirit of Wisdom, Piety, and Fortitude:

14 Our Lord shall raise up a Prophet like Moses; and put his words in his mouth, and he shall teach us:

15 And thou Bethlehem, who art little among the thousands of Juda, out of thee shall he

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He come that is to be the Ruler in Israel :

16 Whole goings forth are from the beginning, even from the days of eternitie.

17 Hark, how the eternal Father introduces his Son ; commanding first all the Angels to adore him.

18 Thou art my Son , this day have I begotten thee ; Thou art my Son, and I will be thy Father :

19 I will give thee the Gentiles for thine inheritance ; and the ends of the world for thy possession :

20 It is too little that thou raise up the tribes of Jacob ; and convert the dregs of Israel :

21 Thou art appointed a Light for the Gentiles : and a Saviour to the utmost parts of the earth.

22 Hark, how the antient Prophets rejoyce in the Messias ; and in soft and gentle words foretel his swætness !

23 He shall come down as rain into a Flæce of Wool ; and as drops of dew distilling on the earth.

24 He shall feed his Flock like a Shepherd : and gently lead those that are with young.

25 He shall gather his Lambs with his arms ; and carry them in his bosom :

26 The bruised reed shall he not break ; nor quench the smoaking flax :

27 Justice and Peace shall flourish in his days ; and sin and death be destroyed for ever :

28 Then

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28 Then shall the eyes of the blinde be opened ; and the ears of the deaf be made to hear :

29 Then shall the tongues of the dumb be loosened ; and the lame man leap lik a Buck.

30 Thus, O Lord, did thy holp servants prophesie of thee ; Thus did their children sing thy praises :

31 Blessed be the Lord our God, who alone doth wonderful things ; and blessed be the name of his Majesty for ever.

32 His dominion shall reach from sea to sea ; and from the riher to the end of the world :

33 They who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him ; and his enemies shall lick the dust :

34 The King of Tharsis, and the Isles shall offer him presents ; thy Kings of Arabia, and Saba shall bring him gifts :

35 All the Kings of the earth shall adoze him ; and all Nations shall do him service :

36 For he shall rescue the weak from the hand of the mighty ; the weak who had none to help him :

37 He shall be favorable to the simple, and the needy ; and shall preserve the souls of the poor :

38 He shall deliver them from usury, and oppression ; and their name shall be honorable in his sight :

39 He shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Arabia ; they shall adoze him perpetually, and bless him all the daylong.

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40 O thou eternal King of heauen and earth,  
make good to thy seruants those happy Pre-  
dictions :

41 So rule us here , that we may obey thy  
grace : so fauor us hereafter, that we may en-  
joy thy glorie.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**W**hat can I crave  
More than the Lord hath done,  
Who freed a slave  
Before his onely Son ?  
Blest be his Son  
That so repair'd my loss,  
I never will  
Forget my Saviors Cross,  
Whose death revives  
My soul ; once was I dead,  
But now I'll raise  
Again my drooping head ;  
And singing say,  
And saying sing for ever,  
Blest be the Lord  
That did my soul deliver.

Antiphon.

*The Lord hath redeemed me from my sins.*

PSAL. 5.

Of our Saviors Sufferings.

**I**t was not thy ioy alone, O Lord, that thou  
inspiredst into thy holy Prophets :

2 But thou didst reveal to them thy sorrows

to ;

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too; and didst command them to publish them with a tender care :

3 That they not onely should speak thy words; but the more to affect us, should put on thy person.

4 O let our eyes run down with water; and our hearts faint away with grief :

5 While we remember the sufferings of our Lord, and hear his sad complaints :

6 I give my body to those that beat it; and my cheeks to those that buffeted them :

7 I turned not away from them that reproached me; nor from them that spit on my face :

8 My enemies whisper together, and spitefully malign me, saying, When will he die, and his name perish ?

9 My familiar friend who eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

10 But thou upholdest me, O Lord, in my integrity: and sets me before thy face for ever.

11 They compassed me about with words of malice; and fought against me without a cause.

12 They rewarded me evil for good; and hatred for my love :

13 I am poured forth like water; I am taken away as a shadow when it declines :

14 My heart within me is as melted wax; and all my bones are out of joint :

15 My strength is dry'd up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaves to the roof of my mouth:

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16 I expected some to pierce me, and there was none; I looked for comforts, but I found not one.

17 O my God, my God, how far hast thou forsaken me? Thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

18 Our fathers called to thee, and were delivered; they trusted in thee, and were not abandoned.

19 But I am a worm, and no man; the reproach of men, and the despised of the people:

20 All that see me, laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, and shake their head, saying,

21 He trusted in God that he would save him; let him deliver him, if he delighteth in him:

22 Be not far from me, O Lord, my strength; for trouble is nigh, and there is none to help me:

23 The assembly of the wicked have inclosed me about, they pierce my hands and my feet:

24 I may tell all my bones, they gaze and stare upon me:

25 They part my garments among them, and on my vesture they cast lots:

26 They gave me gall to eat, and in my thirst vinegar to drink:

27 All these sad things, O Lord, thy Prophets foretold, to prepare our faith for such exorbitant truths:

28 Thine own selected Nation conspired against

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against thee; and with innumerable affronts  
most barbarously murdered thee:

29 Speak O ye Saints and holy Prophets,  
what was the dismal cause, that shed the blood  
of this spotless Lamb?

30 They quickly answer, He had done no  
iniquity; nor could any fraud be found in his  
mouth:

31 But he was smitten for the sins of the  
people, and taken away from the land of the  
living:

32 He delivered up himself to death, and  
was numbed with the wicked:

33 We like sheep have gone astray, and God  
laid on him the iniquity of us all:

34 He was wounded for our offences; and  
bruised for our transgressions:

35 The chastisements of our peace was upon  
him; and by his stripes we were healed.

36 O blessed Jesu, who tookest upon thee our  
infirmities, to bestow on us thine own per-  
fections!

37 Heal us, thou great Physician of our  
souls; and let us sin no more, lest a worse thing  
come unto us:

38 Heal us by the mystery of thy holy incar-  
nation; and the meekness of thy humble birth:

39 Heal us by the precious blood of thy cir-  
cumcision; and the sweet and ever-blessed name  
of Jesus:

40 Heal us by thy gracious manifestation to

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the Gentiles; and the powerful influence of all thy miracles.

41 Heal us by the exemplary obedience of thy Presentation, and the sovereign balsom of thy Passion:

42 Heal us by the joys of thy victorious Resurrection, and the triumph of thy glorious Ascension:

43 Spare us, O God, spare thou them whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood and be not angry with us for ever.

Glory be to the Father. &c.

H Y N N.

O Thou God Almighty,  
Father of all Mercy,

Fountain of all Pity,

Grant we beseech thee,

Of thy great Clemency,

On us have mercy,

Now, and at the hour of death, Amen.

Antiphon.

*And now, Lord, what is my hope?*

*Truly, my hope is even in thee:*

*Have mercy on the works of thine own hand.*

PSAL. 6.

Praise the Lord all you Nations of the earth, praise him with the voice of joy and thanksgiving.

2 Praise him with the well-tun'd strings of your heart; praise him with the sweetest instrument, Obedience.

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3 Let every one that would be happy, sing  
immortal praises to the God of our salvation.

4 He is our Redeemer; he hath perfectly fi-  
nished what he graciously was pleased to un-  
dertake.

5 He hath made satisfaction for our trans-  
gression; and for our forfeiture he hath paid  
the ransom.

6 We by disobedience were banished from  
Paradise, and he hath received us into his own  
kingdom:

7 We wandered up and down in the wilder-  
ness of error; and he hath guided us into the  
ways of truth:

8 We were by nature the children of wrath;  
and he hath mediated our peace with his offen-  
ded Father:

9 We were become the slaves of sin, and he  
hath bought our freedom with his own blood:

10 We were in danger of sinking into hell;  
and he hath saved us from the bottomless pit:

11 We were on the brink, of the brink of dan-  
ger, yet fell not in; they are well kept that are  
kept by thee, O thou Preserver of men.

12 The Gates of heaven were shut against  
us; and he went up himself and opened them  
to all believers:

13 He made us first of nothing, and restored  
us again when we had made our selves no-  
thing:

14 He left his throne where Seraphims ado-

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red him ; and descended on earth where slaves  
affronted him :

15 He lead a life of povertie, and labor ; and  
dyed a death of shame and sorrow :

16 O infinite Goodness , what shall we ren-  
der for these unspeakable mercies ?

17 O may our souls perpetually bless thee,  
and every minute of our time be spent in thy  
service :

18 Let us not live, O Lord, to our selves, but  
unto thee ; nor breathe but to speak thy praise ;  
nor be at all, but to be all thine.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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**B**lessed Savior, Lord of all ,  
Vouchsafe to hear us when we call ,  
And now to those propitious be,  
That in prayer bow to thee ,  
Still to be kept from misery.

Great maker of the day, and night,  
On our darkness cast thy light ,  
And let thy passion pardon win ,  
For what we have offended in,  
Or thought, or word, or deed of sin.

Antiphon.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me  
praise his holy Name.*

PSAL. 7.

**W**e praise thee, O God, we acknowledge  
thee our Lord :

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2 All the earth adoꝛeth thee, thou Father eternal:

3 To thee the blessed Angels; to thee the Heavens, and all their Powers:

4 To thee the Cherubims, and Seraphims perpetually sing:

5 Holp, Holp, Holp, Lord God of Sabboth:

6 The Heavens, and the Earth, are full of the Majesty of thy Glorꝝ:

7 The glorious quire of Apostles praise thee.

8 The renowned society of Prophets bless thee:

9 The noble Armꝝ of Martyrs glorifie thee:

10 The holꝝ Church throughout the world confesseth thee.

11 Father of immense Majesty:

12 Thy adoꝛable, true, and onely Son:

13 Also the holꝝ Spirit the Comforter:

14 Thou art the King of Glorꝝ, O Christ:

15 Thou art the eternal Son of the Father.

16 Thou being to undertake the deliverꝝ of man, diddest not disdain the Virgins Womb.

17 Thou, having overcome the King of death, didst open to believers the Kingdom of Heaven.

18 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glorꝝ of thy Father:

19 We believe thou shalt come to be our Judge.

20 Help therefore, we beseech thee, thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

21 Make

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21 Make them be numbr'd with thy Saints  
in glory everlasting :

22 Lord save thy people, and bless thy inheritance :

23 And govern them and raise them up, even to eternitie :

24 Every day we glorifie thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

25 Touchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin :

26 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us :

27 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be on us, as our hope is in thee :

28 In thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope, let me not be confounded for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**W**hy do we seek felicity;  
Where 'tis not to be found;  
And not dear Lord, look up to thee  
Where all delights abound ?

Why do we seek for treasure here  
On this false barren Sand :  
Where nought but empty shells appear,  
And marks of shipwrack stand ?

O world, how little do thy Joys  
Concern a soul that knows  
It self not made for such low toys,  
As thy poor hand bestows !

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How cross art thou to that design ,  
For which we had our birth !  
Us who were made in heav'n to shine,  
Thou bow'st down to thy earth.

Nay, to thy hell ; for thither sink  
All that to thee submit :  
Thou strew'st some flowers on the brink  
To drown us in the pit.

World, take away thy tinsel wares,  
That dazle here our eyes :  
Let us mount up above the Stars,  
Where all our Treasure lies.

The way we know ; Our dearest Lord  
Himself is gone before :  
And hath engag'd his faithful word ,  
To open us the door.

But, O my God, reach down thy hand,  
And take us up to thee :  
That we about thy Throne may stand ,  
And all thy glories see.

All glory to the Sacred Three,  
One Ever-living Lord,  
As at the first, still may he be  
Belov'd, Obey'd, Ador'd.

## Antiphon.

*Never can we say too much of this gracious subject ;  
Never can we think enough of the felicities of Heaven.*

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Of Adoration.

Come let us Adore our God that hath redeemed  
us.

**W**hen, O Lord, we had sold our selves  
to sin, and were become the slaves of  
Satan; thou wast pleased to descend from Hea-  
ven, and to purchase our freedom with the price  
of thine own most precious blood.

2 Thou wast crucified upon the Cross for us,  
so didst thou depose thy inestimable life, to  
rescue us sinners from an eternal death.

3 O let us consecrate our whole lives to thy  
sacred memory, and tenderly compassionate thy  
unparalleld sufferings:

4 Let us heartily repent for, and abstain  
from our many sins, and thankfullly admire  
the riches of thy mercies.

5 Let us wean our mindes from vain and  
sensual delights, and govern our appetites with  
prudent restraints, that our souls may mount  
towards thy throne, in the wings of Fasting,  
Alms, and Prayer.

6 Let us evermore adore thy Name, for thou  
alone art worthy to be praised.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**C**ome let's adore the King of Love,  
And King of sufferings too;  
For love it was that brought him down,  
And sa c him here in woe.

Love

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Love drew him from his Paradise,  
Where Flowers that fade not, grow :  
And planed him in our poor dust ,  
Among us weeds below.

Here for a time this Heav'nly Plant  
Fairly grew up and thriv'd :  
Diffus'd its sweetness all about,  
And in all sweetness liv'd.

But envious frosts, and furious storms ,  
So long did fiercely chide :  
This tender Flower at last bow'd down  
Its bruised head, and dy'd.

O narrow thoughts, and narrower speech,  
Here your defects confess :  
The life of Christ, the death of God,  
How faintly you express !

Help, O thou blest inspiring Roor,  
Whence this fair Flow'r did spring ;  
Help us to raise both heart and voice ,  
And with more spirit sing.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One undivided Three :  
All highest praise, all humble thanks  
Now, and for ever be.

### Antiphon.

*Let us take up our Cross, and follow Christ Jesus our  
Savior, for his yoke is easie, and his burthen is light.*

PSAL.

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PSAL. 9.

**O** Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I am weak; O heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also in an agony, but thou, O Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 O be thou my deliverer, save me for thy mercies sake:

5 For in death no one remembereth thee, neither art thou praised in the pit.

6 I am weary with my sighing; in the night-season wash I my bed, and with tears I water my Couch.

7 Grief hath swollen up mine eyes, and mine enemies have made me seem as one that is wahren old.

8 Away from me all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my tears.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition, and my prayer is gone before him.

10 Mine enemies shall be vexed and confounded, their shame shall come suddenly upon them.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**P**urge me with Hyssop, O my God,  
Let me be cleansed so;  
O wash me in my Saviors Blood  
Whiter than is the Snow.

From

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From all my sins, Lord, hide thine eyes,  
Thy angry face refrain,  
And blot out mine iniquities,  
That none of them remain.

Let all transgressors learn of me,  
How to obtain thy Grace;  
That Converts may come in to thee,  
And Sinners seek thy face.

### Antiphon.

*Lord, who is man, that thou art mindful of him,  
and the son of man that thou visitest him?*

### PSAL. 10.

**B**lessed is he whose transgressions is blotted  
out, and whose sin is forgiven.

2 Blessed is the Man unto whom the Lord  
imputeth no sin, and in whom is found no  
guile:

3 For while I concealed my sins, my bones  
consumed through my daily complaining.

4 Thy hand, O Lord, was heavy upon me,  
day and night; and my moisture is like the  
drought in summer.

5 I have confessed my sin unto thee, and  
mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the  
Lord, and thou forgavest the wickedness there-  
of.

7 For this cause shall the godly man pray un-  
to thee, that the great water floods may not  
come nigh him.

8 Thou

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8 Thou art a place for me to hide in, O thou Preserver from trouble; thou shalt surround me with songs of deliverance.

9 Come unto me, O sinner, and I will teach thee the way wherein thou shalt walk; my experience shall be thy guide.

10 Be not like unto the Horse and Mule, void of understanding; whose mouths must be held with Bit and Bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues are in store for the wicked; but mercy embraceth the righteous on every side.

12 O be glad all ye that trust in the Lord; and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**P**Raise the Lord in his holy Tower,  
Praise we the spreading of his Power,  
Praise him for that he did us make,  
Praise him for our Saviors sake.  
Praise him with Trumpets melody,  
Praise him with Harp and Psaltery;  
Praise him with Timbrel, Pipe, and Flute,  
Praise him with Organ, and with Lute.  
Praise him with Cymbals loud and high,  
Praise him, may all the Nations cry,  
O may the People all accord,  
To praise, and magnifie the Lord.

### Antiphon.

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever.*

PSAL.

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PSAL. II.

**P**Ut me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy wrath:

2 For with thy hand I am sore pressed; and thine arrows stick fast within me.

3 My flesh is wounded because of thy displeasure; neither can my bones rest by reason of my sin:

4 My transgressions are gone over my head; like a sore burthen they are too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds are corrupted, yea, they stink, by reason of my folly.

6 I am brought into extreame misery, so that I mourn continually.

7 My loins are filled with a sore disease, and my whole body is unsound.

8 I am exceeding weak, and have roared through the discontents of my soul.

9 Lord, thou knowest the desires of my heart, and from thee have I not hid my groans.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath left me; and the sight of mine eyes hath failed me.

11 My lovers, friends, and neighbors, stand beholding of my misery; and my kinsmen look on me at a distance.

12 They that sought my life, laid snares for me, and they that intended evil against me, imagined mischief all the day long.

13 I was like unto a deaf man, that heard not; as a dumb man I opened not my mouth.

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14 Thus

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14 Thus I became as one that did not hear,  
whilest my acquaintance scorned me without  
reproofs.

15 But in thee, O Lord, is my hope, that  
thou wilt hear me; plead thou my cause, my  
Lord, and my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine  
enemies, should not triumph over me; for when  
my foot slipt they rejoyced greatly against me.

17 And I trulie am distressed, my sorrows  
are eber in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness, I will  
repent of my transgression.

19 But mine enemies that hate me without  
cause, are many, and mighty; they multiply,  
are lively, and in strength.

20 They also that reward evil for good, are  
against me, because I follow the thing that is  
good.

21 But do thou stand by me, O God; be  
not thou a stranger to me.

22 Make haste to help me, O God of my Sal-  
vation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**F**ROM enemies where e're they be,  
My God, do thou deliver me,  
From them that do against me rise,  
From private foes inventing lies;  
From bloody men, who loving strife,  
Endeavor to ensnare my life.

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The mighty are against me bent,  
Because I sin'd, and do repent;  
Arise, and visit with thy Rod,  
Those enemies of thine, O God,  
Their follies shew, that they may be  
At last, true followers of thee.

### Antiphon.

*Wait on the Lord; be of good courage; and he shall  
strengthen thy heart.*

### PSAL. 12.

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy  
great goodness; according to the multi-  
tude of thy mercies forgive mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin  
is ever in my sight.

4 Against thee, against thee onely have I sin-  
ned, and done this evil before thee; that thou  
mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear  
when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and  
in sin did my mother conceive me:

6 But thou requitest truth in an upright  
heart, and shalt make me to understand wil-  
dom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I  
shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall  
be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me heart of joy and glad-

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ness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoyce.

9 Turn thy face from my sins, and pardon mine iniquities.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help, and stablish me with thy free Spirit:

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliber me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Open thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God, is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 O be gracious unto Sion, and build up the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine Altar.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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H Y M N.

**B**less, O my soul, his Holy Name,  
To whom thou ow'st thy Birth,  
Be ever speaking of his Fame,  
Great Maker of the Earth:  
Dear Lord, thy mercies I invoke,  
O wash from me my sin,  
Wherewith mine heart is almost broke:  
O may there enter in  
A Guest which we Repentance call,  
And therein let him dwell;  
For without him we mortals all,  
Must lodgings take in hell.

Antiphon.

*Repentance and Conversion, are the Fabricks of  
Salvation.*

PSAL. 13.

**H**ear my prayer, O God, and let my cry  
come before thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of  
trouble; hear me when I call, O hear me, and  
that right soon:

3 For my days are banished like smoaks, and  
my bones are burnt like a fire-brand.

4 My heart is withered like grass, and I for-  
get to eat my bread:

5 For the voice of my groaning, my bones  
are disquieted within me.

6 I am become as a Pelican in the wilder-  
ness, and as an Owl that is in the Desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as a Spar-

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row, sitting alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies continually rebile me, and have sworn against me with an oath.

9 I have eaten ashes as it were bread, and mingled my drink with weeping:

10 Because of thy wrath and indignation; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast cast me down.

11 My days are fled like a shadow, and I am as withered grass:

12 But thou, Lord, art for ever and ever; and thy remembrance to eternitie.

13 Arise, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 For why: Thy servants take notice of her sickness, and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 So shall the Heathen fear thy Name. O Lord, and all the Kings of the earth thy Majesty:

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion, and when his glory shall appear.

17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor, and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for future generations, and they that shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from his Sanctuary; out of the Heavens did the Lord behold the Earth.

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20 That he might hear the mournings of the desolate, and loose the bonds of those children appointed to death :

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion, and his worship at Jerusalem.

22 When the people are gathered together, and the Kingdoms also to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey, and shortned my days :

24 But I said, O my God, cut me not off in the midst of my age ; as for thy years they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast founded the Earth, and the Heavens are the works of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure ; they all shall wax old as doth a garment.

27 As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed ; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

O H ! that I once were in that City,  
Where Hallelujah is the Ditty,  
Where Contemplation is their Diet,  
Sure that's the place where man is quiet !

Oh ! that I once were in that Court,  
Where all good Spirits do resort,

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Where Love, and Joy, and Grace abound,  
Sure that's the place where man is crown'd.

### Antiphon.

*The Heavenly Jerusalem is the City of our God,  
where he is attended by an innumerable Company of  
Angels.*

### PSAL. 14:

**O**ut of the deep have I called unto thee, O  
Lord: Lord, hear my voice:

2 Let thine ear attend to my supplication,  
and to the voice of my complaint;

3 If thou, Lord, shouldst be extram to mark  
what is amiss, who can be able to abide it?

4 But with thee there is mercy; therefore  
shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for thee, O Lord; my soul waiteth  
for thee, in thy word is my trust.

6 My soul saith unto the Lord, before the  
morning watch; I lay before the morning  
watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with him  
there is mercy, and with him is plenteous re-  
demption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his  
sins.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**O**ut of the Deep, that Cave of Hell,  
Or Chamber of the dead,  
I oft did my Afflictions tell,  
And how I liv'd in dread.

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The waves encompass me about;  
And overwhelm'd my soul,  
That I despair'd of getting out,  
Till God did them controul.

Now will I seek for thee, O Lord;  
For mercy is with thee,  
My trust is wholly in thy Word;  
For thou hast set me free.

To God therefore that dwells on high,  
Be praise and glory still,  
On Earth be true tranquillity,  
And unto men good will.

### Antiphon.

*The Lord is a present help in time of trouble; a sure defence unto all those that trust in him.*

### PSAL. 15.

**H**ear my prayer, O Lord, consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth, and righteousness sake:

2 And enter not into Judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no flesh be justified.

3 The enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath laid me in darkness, as a man that hath been long since dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, my heart also is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past, I muse upon

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upon all thy works; yea in the work of thy hands do I exercise my self.

6 To thee do I stretch forth my hands, my soul as the thickest land cleaveth after thee.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint, hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O shew me thy loving kindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust: Teach me the way wherein I should walk, for thou art my Lord, and my God.

9 Defend me, O Lord, from my enemies, for to thee do I flee for succour.

10 Teach me to do thy will, O my God; let thy loving Spirit guide me into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Names sake, and for thy Righteousness sake, deliver my soul from trouble.

12 And in thy justice destroy mine enemies, slay them that vex my soul, for I am thy servant.

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**H**elp Lord, my foes are many grown,  
And bear a tyrannous hate,  
They're mighty likewise in the Town,  
For sway, and for estate.

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Bethou my God, be thou my Guide,

Then shall I fear no harm,  
To thee I trust how to provide  
Against their next alarm.

All glory, Lord, to thee I give,  
Together with thy Son,  
And Holy Ghost, whom I receive  
By Faith as Three in One.

### C H A P. I.

The Fathers Advice to his Childe.

**M**<sup>y</sup> Son, hear the instruction of thy Father, and forsake not the Law of thy Father.

2 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

3 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom, and instruction.

4 If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

5 My son, walk not in the way with them: refrain thy foot from their path.

6 If thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

7 So that thou encline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding:

8 Yea, if thou crepest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice to understanding.

9 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures.

10 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the

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the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

11 For the Lord giveth wisdom, out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

12 My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments.

13 For length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee.

14 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart:

15 So shalt thou find favour, and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

16 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding.

17 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

18 Be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

19 It shall be health to thy Navel, and marrow to thy Bones.

## CHAP. II.

**M**y son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction.

2 For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth

3 Keep sound wisdom and discretion, let not them depart from thine eyes.

4 For the Lord by wisdom hath founded the Heavens.

5 They shall be life unto thy soul, and grace unto thy neck.

6 Then

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6 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely,  
and thy foot shall not stumble.

7 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be  
afraid, yea, thou shalt lye down, and thy sleep  
shall be sweet.

8 The wise shall inherit glory, but shame  
shall be the promotion of fools.

9 Hear the instruction of a father, and at-  
tend to know understanding.

10 For I was my fathers son, tender and  
only beloved in the sight of my Mother.

11 Enter not into the path of the wicked,  
and go not in the way of evil men.

12 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and  
drink the wine of violence.

13 Preserve to thy self a Conscience void of  
offence towards God, and towards man.

14 In this the children of God are manifest,  
and the children of the Devil: whosoever doth  
not righteousness is not of God, neither he that  
lobeth not his brother.

15 Love is of God, and every one that lo-  
veth, is born of God, and knoweth God.

16 He that loveth not, knoweth not God;  
for God is love.

17 If a man says I love God, and hateth his  
brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not  
his brother whom he hath seen, how can he  
love God whom he hath not seen?

18 And this commandment have we from  
him, that he who loveth God, loveth his bro-  
ther also.

19 He

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19 He that loveth not his brother, abideth in death.

20 He that loveth his brother, abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

21 God so loved the world, that he gave his onely begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

22 Let love be without dissimulation: abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good.

23 Love thy neighbor as thy self.

24 Love thine enemies, bless them that curse thee, do good to them that hate thee, and pray for them which despitefully use thee, and persecute thee:

25 For if thou lovest them that love thee, what reward hast thou? do not even the publicans the same?

26 Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

27 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

28 Who so robbeth his father, or his mother, and saith, it is no transgression, the same is the companion of a destroyer.

29 Who so curseth his father, or his mother, his light shall be put out into obscure darkness.

30 The eye that mocketh at his father, and  
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despiseſt to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley ſhall pick it out, and the young Eagles ſhall eat it.

31 Afflict not the fatherleſs, nor the widow.

32 vex not a ſtranger, nor oppreſs him, for we were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

33 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverſe lips put far from thee.

34 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eye-lids look ſtraight beſore thee.

35 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be eſtabliſhed.

36 Turn not to the right hand, nor to the left, remove thy foot from evil.

### CHAP. III.

**M**y ſon, keep my commandments and live, and my law as the apple of thine eye

2 Say unto Wiſdom, thou art my ſiſter, and call Underſtanding thy kinſwoman.

3 Receive my inſtruction and not ſilver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

4 For wiſdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be deſired are not to be compared to it.

5 A wiſe ſon maketh a glad father; but a fooliſh ſon is the heavineſs of his mother.

6 He that gathereth in ſummer, is a wiſe ſon; but he that ſleepeth in harveſt, is a ſon that cauſeth ſhame.

7 Hear thou my ſon, and be wiſe, and guide thine heart in the way.

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8 Be not amongst Wine-bibbers, amongst riotous eaters of flesh.

9 For the Drunkard, and the Glutton, shall come to poverty, and bowels shall cloath a man with rags.

10 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when he is old.

11 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and he that bare thee shall rejoyce.

12 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

13 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

14 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways unto that which destroyeth kings.

15 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the Cause of the poor and needy.

16 Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth:

17 For every man shall be rewarded according to his deeds.

### *Blessings of Obedience.*

**M**Y son, do thou observe my Law,  
And slight not my Decree,  
So shall thy days be long upon  
The Land that's given thee.

From truth, and mercy that is kind,  
Oh do not thou depart;  
But round thy neck my precepts binde,  
And write them in thy heart.

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For thou shalt kindly be esteem'd,  
And much respected then,  
Not onely in the sight of God,  
But likewise that of men.

Then shalt thou rightly understand  
The Lord, and eke his fear:  
Whose mouth when e're he doth command,  
Gives wisdom pure and clear.

When thou of wisdom art possesse,  
And makes it thy delight,  
Then knowledge shall direct thy brest,  
That nought shall thee affright.

Then shalt thou understand the way  
That righteous men do chuse,  
Thy understanding heart shall say,  
It will no good refuse.

Then God shall bleſs thee, thy increase  
Shall overspread the land,  
And be it or in war, or peace,  
Thy word shall give command.

That God that doth all Blessings yield,  
Shall visit thee right soon;  
With blessings both of Town and Field,  
And likewise that of Womb.

Thy Fruits upon thy ground that grow,  
No weather shall annoy:  
Thy cup shall likewise overflow,  
No ill shall thee destroy.

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Thy sheep and cattel shall abound,  
And thou shalt grow in might;  
When foes have tricks malicious found;  
Thy God shall them affright.

### C H A P. IV.

The Prodigal Sons return.

**A** Certain man had two sons.  
2 The younger of them said to his father, Father, give unto me my Portion: And he divided unto them his Living.

3 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his Journey into a far Countrey, and there wasted his Substance with riotous living.

4 When he had consumed all, there arose a mighty famine in the Land, and he being poor, became a servant to a Citizen of that Countrey;

5 Who sent him into his fields to feed swine, and he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, and no man gave unto him.

6 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my fathers have bread enough, and to spare, and I perish with hunger.

7 I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee,

8 And am no more worthy to be called thy son, make me as one of thy hired servants.

9 And he arose, and came to his Father: but when he was yet a far off, his father saw him, and

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and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

10 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

11 But the Father said to his servants, Bring forth the best Robe, and put it on him, and put a Ring on his hand, and Shoes on his feet;

12 And bring hither the fatted Calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and be merry:

13 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found, and therefore began to be merry.

14 Now his eldest son was returning from the field, and as he drew nigh unto the house, he heard musick and dancing,

15 And he called one of the servants, and asked him what these things meant:

16 Who answered him, thy brother is come, and thy Father hath killed the fatted Calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

17 And he was angry, and would not go in, therefore came his Father out, and intreated him.

18 But he answering, said to his Father, Lo these many years have I served thee, neither have I at any time transgressed against thy commandment, and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends.

19 But as soon as this thy son was come,

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which hath spent his estate on harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted Calf.

20 And he said unto him, Son, thou art euer with me, and all that I have is thine.

21 It is meet that we should make merrp, and be glad, for this thy bzother was dead, and is alibe again; was lost, and now is found.

### CHAP. V.

The Sons experience.

**V**anity of vanities, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

2 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

3 One generacion passeth away, and another generacion cometh, but the earth abideth for euer.

4 Man is bozn unto trouble, as the sparks flie upward.

5 When I lie down, I say, when shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of rollings to and fro, untill the dawning of the day.

6 My days are swifter than a weavers shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave, shall come up no meze.

8 We are but of pesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow.

9 My days are swifter than a post; they flee away, they see no good.

10 They are passed away as the swift ships;

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It sps; as the Eagle that hasteth to the prey.

11 I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom, concerning all things that are done under heaven; this sore travail hath God given to the sons of men, to be exercised therewith.

12 I have seen the works that are done under the sun, and behold all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

13 That which is crooked, cannot be made straight, and that which is wanting cannot be numbred.

14 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten wisdom and knowledge.

15 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness, and folly; I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

16 For in much wisdom is much grief, and he that increaseth knowledge, increaseth sorrow.

17 I said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure; and behold, this also is vanity.

18 I said of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, What doth it?

19 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, (yet acquainting my heart with wisdom) and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

20 I made me great works, I builded me

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Hon les, I planted me Vineyards, I made me Gardens, and Orchards, and I planted Trees in them of all kinde of Fruites.

21 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees.

22 I got me servants, and maidens, and had servants boyn in mine house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattel.

23 I gathered me also silver and gold, I gat me men-singers, and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as muscal instruments, and that of all sorts.

24 So I was great, and increased; also my wisdom remained with me.

25 And whatsoeuer mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not mine heart from any ioy; for my heart rejoyced in all my labor, and this was my portion of all my labor.

26 Then I looked on all the works mine hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do, and behold all was vanity, and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

27 And I turned my self to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly, and then I saw that wisdom excedeth folly, as far as light excedeth darkness.

28 The wise mans eyes are in his head, but the fool walketh in darkness; and I my self perceiued also that one event happeneth unto them all.

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29 Then said I in my heart, As it hapneth to the fool, so it hapneth even to me, and why was I more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.

30 For there is no remembrance of the wise, more than of the fool for ever, seeing that which now is, in the days to come shall be forgotten.

31 And how dyeth the wise man, as the fool.

32 Therefore I hated life, because the work wrought under the sun is grievous unto me, for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

33 Yea, I hated all the labour which I had taken under the sun, because I should leave it unto the man that should come after me;

34 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool; yet shall he have rule over all my labour, wherein I have shewed my self wise under the sun; this is also vanity.

35 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

36 For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity, yet to a man that hath not laboured therein, shall he leave it for his portion: This also is vanity and a great evil.

37 For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun.

38 For all his days are sorrows, and his

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travel grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night; this is also vanity.

39 There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat, and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor.

40 This also I saw that it was from the hand of God.

### CHAP. VI.

#### Solomons Seasons.

**I**s there not an appointed time to man upon earth, and are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

2 I saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill, but time and chance hapneth to them all.

3 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

4 A time to be born, and a time to die.

5 A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

6 A time to kill, and a time to heal.

7 A time to break down, and a time to build up.

8 A time to weep, and a time to laugh.

9 A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

10 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together.

11 A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

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12 A time to get, and a time to lose.  
13 A time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
14 A time to rent and a time to sow.  
15 A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

16 A time to love, and a time to hate.  
17 A time of war, and a time of peace.  
18 The evez of all things wait upon the Lord, and he giveth them their meat in due season.

19 Let us not be weary of well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

20 Chusing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

21 Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is.

22 Sowe to your selves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

23 It is not for you to know the times, or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

24 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing, and a wise mans heart discerneth both time and judgement.

25 Blessed are they that keep judgement; and he that doth righteousness at all times.

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## *Blessed Qualifications.*

**B**less'd, thrice blessed are the poor,  
The poor I mean in spirit;  
For they, the Lord himself hath said,  
His Kingdom shall inherit.

And blessed too are they that mourn,  
For they shall laugh and sing,  
The meek also, though now forlorn,  
Shall each one reign as King.

And all that thirst and hunger too,  
In love to righteousness,  
They shall have comforts not a few,  
And such as shall refresh.

The merciful shall blessed be,  
For God shall shew them grace,  
And he that's pure in soul, 'tis he  
Shall see him face to face.

And they that love, and seek for peace,  
His Children they are call'd;  
And sufferers for righteousness,  
Shall never be enthrall'd.

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The man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the Tree, and I did eat.

And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me and I did eat.

And *Adam* called his wives name *Eve*, *Genesis* 3.

Train up a childe in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will never depart from it. *Proverbs* 22. 6.

A wise son makes a glad Father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his Mother, *Proverbs* 10. 1.

Make not thy self familiar with a Cat, for the Cats breath is hurtful, and his claws are sharp.

Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his Saints, *Psalms* 116. 11.

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death, than the day of ones birth, *Eccles.* 7. 1.

Behold Behemoth, or the Elephant, he eateth gras as an Ox.

He moveth his tayl as a Cedar, and his bones are as strong bars of Iron, *Job.* 40.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever, the righteous shall be in ever lasting remembrance, *Psalms* 112.

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G



Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy Crown, *Rev. 3. 11.*

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear thou shalt receive a Crown of glory that fadeth not away, *1 Pet. 5. 4.*

H



The Horse mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted, neither turneth he back from the sword, *Job 39. 22.*

The Horse is prepared against the day of battel, but safety is of the Lord, *Prov. 21. 31.*

I



They crucified the Lord of Life, and parted his Garments, casting lots.

And sat over his head his accusation, written, **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS**, *Mat. 27.*

These things saith he that is holy, he hath is true, that hath the Key of *David*, he that openeth, and no man shutteth, *Rev. 3. 17.*

K



I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the Keys of Hell and Death, *Rev. 1. 18.*

L



There was a certain rich-man, and a certain Beggar named Lazarus lay at his gate, full of sores,

Desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich mans table.

Moreover the Dogs came and licked his sores, *Luke, 16.*

M



Why take ye thought for raiment, consider the Lillies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin.

And yet even *Solomon* in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these, *Mat. 6. 28, 29.*

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Curse not the King, no not in thy thought, for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter, *Eccles* 10. 12.



Thou shalt not muzzle the Ox when he treadeth out the Corn, *Deut.* 25. 4

But if the Ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman, the Ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death, *Exod.* 21. 19.



The righteous shall flourish like the Palm-tree; he shall grow like a Cedar in *Lebanon*, *Psalms* 92. 12.

His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the Olive-tree, and his smell as *Lebanon*, *Hos.* 14. 6.



As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth.

Happy is the man that hath his Quiver full of them, they shall not be ashamed; but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate, *Psalms* 127. 4 5.



As for man his days are as grass, as a flower of the Field, so he flourisheth, *Psalms* 103. 15.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not, *Job* 14. 2.



Moses made a Serpent of Brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a Serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the Serpent of Brass, he lived, *Numb.* 21. 9.

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T



The righteous shal be like a Tree,  
planted by the rivers of water, that  
bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his  
leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever  
he doth shall prosper, *Psalms* 1. 3.

U



Will the Unicorn be willing to serve  
thee, or abide by thy crib

Canst thou binde the Unicorn with his  
band in the furrow; or will he harrow  
the Valleys after thee? *Job.* 19. 9, 10

W



Beware of false Prophets, which come  
to you in sheeps cloathing, but inwardly  
they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits,  
*Mathew* 7. 15, 16

X



Give the King thy judgements, O God;  
and thy righteousness unto the Kings son,  
*Psalms* 71. 1.

My son fear thou the Lord, and the  
King, and meddle not with them that are  
given to change, *Proverbs* 24. 21

Wherewith shall a young man cleanse  
his way, by taking heed thereto.

Y



Remember now thy Creator in the  
days of thy youth, while the evil days  
come not, nor the years draw nigh, when  
thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in  
them, *Ecclesi.* 12. 1.

Z



*Zachary* sought to see Jesus, who he  
was, and could not for the press, for he  
was little of stature.

And he ran before and climbed up into  
a Cycamore-tree to see him, for he  
was to come that way, *Luke*, 19.

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## Evening Prayer.

**O** Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty, and ever-living God, by whose providence both the day and night are governed, vouchsafe we beseech thee, as thou hast this day preserved us by thy goodness, so still this night to shadow us under the most blessed wings of thy most mighty protection, and to cover us with thy heavenly mercy, that neither the prince of darkness may have any power over us, nor the works of darkness overwhelm us, but that we being armed with thy defence, may be preserved from all adversities which may hurt the body, and from all wicked thoughts which may assault, and defile the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H T M N.

**P**ermit not sluggish sleep  
To close your waking eye,  
Till you with judgment deep,  
Your daily deeds do try :  
He that his sins in conscience keeps  
When he to quiet goes,  
More desperate is than he that sleeps  
Amidst his mortal foes.

Down lying.

At night lye down  
Prepar'd to have  
Thy sleep, thy death ;  
Thy Bed, thy Grave.

Antiphon

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### Antiphon.

*I will lay me down in peace and take my rest ; for it is thou Lord onely, that makest me dwell in safety.*

*Have mercy upon me, O Lord, now, and at the hour of death.*

A Prayer and Thanksgiving for every true  
Subject to use upon the Anniversary-day  
of the Kings Reign.

**O** Lord, by whom Kings reign, and Princes are set up to bear rule over their people, and by whose gracious providence thy servant and our dread soveraign King Charles the second was this day placed in the Royal Throne of his Kingdom, accept we beseech thee, the gratefull Commemoration which we now make before Heaven, and before thee, of this thy great goodness, and blessing towards us; that while we offer up our vows and sacrifices of Thanksgiving to the praise of thy glorious Name, thou wapest bless the King with thy favors, and crown him with continual honor, granting him a long, prosperous, and religious reign over us; and granting us a true, quiet, humble, and obedient subjection under him; that he ruling us prudently with all his power, we may obey him loyally with all lowliness, and cheerfulness of minde, and that both he, and we, evermore endeavoring to set forth the beauty of thy Church militant here on earth, may at last be exalted to the glory of thy Church triumphant in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN.

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## H Y M N.

**G**ive to the King thy Judgements, Lord,  
That he may Justice do,  
That all his people may accord  
To love, and serve him too.

The mountains then shall bring us peace,  
And God shall bless the Land,  
Oppressors shall therein decrease,  
As broken by his hand.

The poor he righteously shall try,  
Their children he shall save,  
And God shall bless us from on high,  
And hear us when we crave.

The Just shall flourish in his days,  
And he be feared, then  
All folk shall sing the Lords due praise,  
And each one cry, Amen.

## Antiphon.

*Lord preserve the life of the King, for by thee Kings  
Reign, and Princes decree Justice.*

*And when there was no King in Israel, every man  
did that which was right in his own eyes.*

Catholick Faith, called *The Apostles Creed*,  
divided into twelve Articles.

**I** Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Pa-  
ther of Heaven and Earth.

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2 And in Iesus Christ his onely Son our Lord.

3 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, bozn of the Virgin Mary.

4 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

5 He descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead.

6 He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

7 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

8 I beleve in the Holy Ghost.

9 The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints.

10 The forgiveness of sins.

11 The resurrection of the Body.

12 And the Life everlasting.

## *The Exposition of the Creed.*

**I**T was made by the twelve Apostles, and therefore it containeth twelve Articles.

By this Faith, into which all Christians are baptized, we learn to believe,

1 In God the Father, who made us, and all the world.

2 In God the Son, who hath redeemed us, and all mankind.

3 In God the Holy Ghost, who doth sanctifie us, and all the chosen people of God.

The Kings Prayer.

The Lords Prayer.

The Preface thereunto is,

**O**ur Father which art in Heaven.  
In the Prayer are six Petitions,

- 1 Hallowed be thy Name.
- 2 Thy Kingdom come.
- 3 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
- 4 Give us this day our daily bread.
- 5 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
- 6 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil.

The Doxologie.

For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Exposition of the Lords Prayer.

**C**hrist our Saviour made this Prayer, and therefore it is called The Lords Prayer, and is the most excellent of all others.

This Prayer is the foundation whereupon, and the pattern whereby all our other Prayers must be framed.

In it we desire God our Heavenly Father, who is the Giver of all Goodness, to send his Grace unto us, and all others.

- 1 That we may worship him.
- 2 Serve him.
- 3 And obey him, as we ought to do.  
And we pray unto God, that he would
- 4 Send us all things which be needful both for our souls, and bodies.

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The Ten Commandments.

**G**OD spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of Bondage.

1 Thou shalt have no other Gods but me.

2 Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth, thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serbe them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

4 Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day, six days shalt thou labor and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and Maid-servant, thy Cattel, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates, for in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

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5 Honor thy Father, and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6 Thou shalt not kill.

7 Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

8 Thou shalt not steal.

9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.

10 Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours wife, nor his Man-servant, nor his Maid-servant, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.

O Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy Laws in our hearts we beseech thee,

### The Exposition of the Ten Commandments.

The Duty of the first Commandment, is

1 To acknowledge the Eternal Deity of the onely true God.

2 To worship him with all inward devotion of our souls.

3 To love, honor, and obey him, for his own sake.

4 To fear, and call upon him, to trust and believe in him, and none but him, all the days of our life, without giving any share of his honor to Angels, Saints, or any other creature.

The Duty of the second Commandment, is

1 To apprehend God as an infinite, and in-

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comprehensible Essence, without any form, or shape of our own fancying, or framing, whereby to make a representation of him.

2 To honor, and worship him with all lowly reverence, even of our souls and bodies.

The Duty of the third Commandment, is  
To honor the most holy and reverend Name of God.

The Duty of the fourth Commandment, is

1 As men, to keep holy one day in seven.

2 As Christians, to keep holy that day of the seven, which because Christ hath instituted, it is called the Lords-day, and his Church hath ever observed it.

The Duty of the fifth Commandment, is

1 To love, honor, and obey our Parents, with all lowliness and reverence.

2 In like manner faithfully to serve, honor, and obey the King, to reverence his sacred Power, and his sovereign Authority over us.

3 To live by his Laws and Commandments, according to Gods blessed Word and Ordinance.

4 To live in an orderly, and quiet subjection to the Kings subordinate Magistrates.

5 To submit our selves lowly, and reverently to them that are our spiritual Guides, the Fathers, Bishops, and Priests of Gods Church.

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The Duty of the sixth Commandment, is

- 1 To protect, and preserve, as much as in us lies, the person, or life of any man whatsoever.
- 2 To procure peace, and love, among all sorts of people.

The Duty of the seventh Commandment, is

To keep our bodies in Temperance, Sobriety, and Chastity.

The Duty of the eighth Commandment, is

To do justice to all men, and not to use any tricks or crafts, whereby to purloin from, or to cheat, or couzen another man of that which is properly his.

The Duty of the ninth Commandment, is

To preserve every mans good name, and to keep our selves free from slandering and backbiting any man, either friend or enemy.

The Duty of the tenth Commandment, is

To love our Neighbors, as our selves, to relieve the poor, to oppress none, and to be in charity with all men.

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### The three Theological Vertues, *Faith, Hope, and Charity.*

**T**hey are called Theological, because the word signifieth a thing that belongeth to God.

Now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity, but the greatest of these is Charity.

#### Of Faith.

**1** Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

2 Let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the brest plate of Faith and Love, and for an Helmet the hope of Salvation.

3 Taking the Shield of Faith wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

4 The just man shall live by his Faith.

5 Being justified by Faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

6 Whatsoever is not of Faith, is sin.

7 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith.

8 Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in Faith, and heirs of the kingdom, which he hath promised to them that love him?

9 But

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9 But know, O vain man, Faith without works is dead.

10 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so Faith without works is dead also.

11 Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

12 Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit you like men, be strong.

13 For by it the Elders obtained a good report.

14 Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear.

15 By Faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it, he being dead, yet speaketh.

16 By Faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

17 But without Faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

18 By Faith Noah being warned of God, of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an Ark to the saving of his house, by the which he condemned the world, and became heir

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heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

19 Faith is counted for righteousness.

20 By Faith Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

21 By Faith he sojourned in the Land of Promise, as in a strange Countrey, dwelling in Tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same Promise.

22 Through Faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a Childe when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

23 By Faith Abraham when he was tryed, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his onely begotten son.

24 By Faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, concerning things to come.

25 By Faith Jacob when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph, and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his Staff.

26 By Faith Joseph when he dyed, made mention of the departing of the Children of Israel, and gave commandment concerning his bones.

27 By Faith Moses when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child, and they not afraid of the Kings commandment.

28 By Faith Moses when he was come to years,

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pears, refused to be called the son of Pharaohs daughter.

29 By Faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the King; for he endured, as seeing him, who is invisible.

30 Through Faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the first-born, should touch them.

31 By Faith they passed through the Red-sea, as on dry land, which the Egyptians es-laying to do, were drowned.

32 By Faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were encompassed about seven days.

33 By Faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the Spies with peace.

34 And what shall I say more? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barack, and of Sampson, and of Jephthah, of David also, and Samuel, and of the Prophets.

35 Who through Faith subdued Kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of Lions.

36 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the Armies of the Aliens.

### Of Hope.

**H**ope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life

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2 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

3 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death.

4 O the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldst thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a way-faring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

5 Be not a terror unto me, thou art my hope in the day of evil.

6 The Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the Children of Israel.

7 It is good that a man should both hope, and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

8 Tribulation worketh patience: patience, experience: experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed.

9 For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

10 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

11 Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy; and with him is plentiful redemption.

12 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

13 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

14 I will hope continually, and praise thee for evermore.

15 For

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15 For thou art my hope, O Lord God, thou art my trust from my youth.

16 Why art thou cast down, oh my soul: and why art thou disquieted within me: hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

17 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

18 All ye that hope in the Lord, be of good courage, for he shall strengthen your heart.

19 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the Ghost.

20 So are the paths of all that forget God, and the hypocrites hope shall perish.

21 For what is y<sup>e</sup> hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gain'd, when God taketh away his soul.

22 If in this life onely we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

23 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

24 Sanctifie the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready alwayes to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness, and fear.

25 Now the God of hope, fill ye all with joy, and peace in believeng, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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## Of Charity.

**1** Follow after Charity, and desire spiritual gifts.

**2** Knowledge puffeth up, but Charity edifieth.

**3** Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling Cymbal.

**4** And though I have the gift of Prophecy, and understand all Mysteries, and all Knowledge, and though I have all Faith, so that I could remove Mountains, and have no Charity, I am nothing.

**5** Above all things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

**6** Though I bestow all my goods to relieve the poore, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing.

**7** Charity suffereth long, and is kinde: Charity enbiereth not; Charity vaunteth not it self, is not puffed up.

**8** Doth not behaue it self unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh not evil.

**9** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

**10** Beareth all things, beliebeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**11** Charity never faileth, but whether there be prophecies they shall fail, whether there be

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be tongues they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away; wherefore let all things be done with Charity.

12 Have Charity among your selves, for Charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

13 Giving all diligence, add to your Faith, Vertue: to Vertue, Knowledge: to Knowledge, Temperance: to Temperance, Patience: to Patience, Godliness: to Godliness, Brotherly kindness: and to Brotherly kindness, Charity.

14 For if ye do these things ye shall never fail.

Let these three kinds of good Works be in ye.

### Fasting, Prayer, and Alms-deeds.

#### Of Fasting.

**W**hen ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast: Verily I say unto you they have their reward:

2 But thou when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face,

3 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

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4 Fast not for strife, and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness;

5 Is it such a Fast as the Lord loveth, for a man to bow down his head like a Bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a Fast, and an acceptable day unto the Lord?

6 No, this is the Fast that the Lord expects, to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burthens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke.

7 Deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the poor that are cast out, to thy house: when thou seest the naked, cover him, and hide not thy self from thine own flesh.

8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee, the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say here am I.

### Of Prayer.

1 **A**ND when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the Synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men, Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

2 But

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2 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy Closet, and when thou hast shut the dooꝝ, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

3 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

4 Be not therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things you have need of before you ask him.

5 Pray one for another, that you may be healed: the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

6 Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe ye shall receive them, and ye shall have them.

7 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

8 Wherefore pray without ceasing.

9 Is any among you afflicted, let him pray;

10 Is any merry, let him sing Psalms.

11 Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you.

12 O thou that hearest prayers, unto thee shall all flesh come.

13 Unto thee have I cryed, O Lord, and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

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14 As for me I will call upon God. and the Lord shall save me.

15 Evening, Morning, and at Noon will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice.

16 I will pray with the spirit, and will pray with the understanding also.

17 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

18 The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

19 The Sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

## Of Alms deeds.

**T**ake heed that you do not pour Alms before men, to be seen of them, otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou dost thine Alms, do not sound a Trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in their Synagogues, and in the Streets, that they may have glory of men, verily they have their reward.

3 But when thou dost Alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.

4 That thine Alms may be in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

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5 If there be among ye a poore man of one of  
thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy  
land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou  
shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine  
hand from thy poore brother.

6 For he that giveth to the poore shall not  
lack, but he that hideth his eyes shall have ma-  
ny a curse.

7 And he that hath pity on the poore, lendeth  
to the Lord, and that which he hath given, will  
he pay him again.

Pray, and labor for the seven Gifts of the  
Holy Ghost.

- 1 The Spirit of Wisdom.
- 2 And Understanding.
- 3 The Spirit of Counsel.
- 4 And Chastly Strength.
- 5 The Spirit of Knowledge.
- 6 The Spirit of Piety.
- 7 And of a Holy and Godly Fear.

To these add the twelve Fruits of the  
Holy Ghost.

Lobe	Mercy	Faith
Joy	Goodness	Modesty
Peace	Longsuffering	Shamefacedness
Patience	Weakness	Sobriety.

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Likewise let these seven spiritual works of  
Mercy be with you.

- 1 To instruct the ignorant.
- 2 To correct offenders.
- 3 To counsel the doubtful.
- 4 To comfort the afflicted.
- 5 To suffer injuries with patience
- 6 To forgive offences and wrongs.
- 7 To pray for others.

Together with these six corporal works  
Of Mercy.

- 1 To feed the hungry, and to give drink to the thirsty.
- 2 To cloath the naked.
- 3 To harbor the stranger and needy.
- 4 To visit the sick.
- 5 To minister unto prisoners and captives.
- 6 To bury the dead.

There are seven Capital Sins, which are the  
fountains of all others, and to every one  
is opposite a contrary Vertue.

Capital Sins.	Hyde	Opposite Vertues.	Humility
	Covetousness		Liberality
	Luxury		Chastity
	Anger		Patience
	Gluttony		Abstinence
	Envy		Brotherly love
	Sloth		Diligence

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There are six Sins against the Holy Ghost.

- 1 To despair of Salvation.
- 2 To presume of Gods Mercy.
- 3 To oppose the known Truth.
- 4 To envy at another mans good.
- 5 To be obstinate in sin.
- 6 To be finally impenitent.

There are four Sins that cry to Heaven for Vengeance.

- 1 Willful Murder.
- 2 Carnal sin against Nature.
- 3 Oppression of the poor.
- 4 Defrauding workmen of their wages.

The four last things.

Death	{ and }	Judgement
Heaven		Hell.

There were fifteen Stages in our Saviors Pilgrimage from his Womb unto his Tomb.

- 1 From his Nativity.
- 2 To his Baptism.
- 3 To his Fasting and Temptation.
- 4 To the Mount where he preached to his Disciples.

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- 5 To his Transfiguration.
- 6 To the Marriage at Cana.
- 7 To buyers and sellers in the Temple.
- 8 To his Prayer in the Garden.
- 9 To Caiaphas the High Priest.
- 10 To Pontius Pilate.
- 11 To his Scourging.
- 12 To his Crowning with Thorns,
- 13 To his bearing of his Cross.
- 14 To the Field of Blood.
- 15 To his Crucifixion, Death, and Burial.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and  
become the first fruits of them that slept.

Live, Jesus live, and let it be  
My life to die for love of thee.

When thou awakest say with the Psalmist,  
Lighten mine eyes, O Lord, that I sleep not  
in death.

Or thus,

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from  
death, and Christ shall give thee light.

Or thus,

Open thou mine eyes, O Lord, that I may  
see the wonder of thy Law.

At thy rising up, say,

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then

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Even blessed be the Holp and undivided Tri-  
nity, now and for evermore.

I laid me down and slept, and rose again,  
and the Lord hath sustained me.

Every Morning, Noon, and Evening, let us  
fall down to worship and adore before  
the presence of our God.

Saying,

**H**olp, Holp, Holp, Lord God Almighty,  
which was, and is, and is to come; we  
worship him that liveth for ever, and cast our  
selves before his Throne; thou art worship, O  
Lord our God, to receive Glorj and Honor, and  
Power; for thou hast created all things, for  
thy wills sake they are, and were created.

### A Prayer for the Morning.

**I**n to the hands of thy blessed protection, and  
unspeakable mercy, O Lord, I this day  
commend my soul and body, with all the facul-  
ties, powers, and actions of them both, beseech-  
ing thee to be ever with me, to direct, sanctifie,  
and govern me in the ways of thy Law, and  
in the works of thy Commandments; that  
through thy most mighty protection, both here  
and ever, I may be preserved in body and soul,  
to serve thee, the onely true God, through Je-  
sus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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H Y M N.

**S**weet Jesus, why, why dost thou love  
Such worthless things as we ?  
Why is thy heart still towards us,  
Who seldom think on thee ?

Thy bounty gives us all we have,  
And we thy gifts abuse :  
Thy bounty gives us even thy self ,  
And we thy self refuse.

My Soul, oh why, why dost thou love  
To run, and sweat, and cry,  
While all this stir and huge concern ,  
Is onely for a Fly ?

Some silly Fly that's hard to catch ,  
And nothing when 'tis caught :  
Such are the toys thou striv'st for here ,  
Not worth a serious thought.

Break off, and raise a noble eye  
Up to those Joys above ;  
Behold all those the Lord prepares  
To wooe and crown thy love.

Alas, dear Lord, I cannot love ,  
Unless thou draw my heart :  
Thou who thus kindly mak'st me know ,  
O make me do my part.

Still do thou love me, O my God ;  
That I may still love thee,  
Still make me love thee, O my God ;  
That thou may'st still love me.

Thou

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Thus may my God, and my poor Soul,  
Still one another love;  
Till I depart from this low world,  
To thee my God above.

To thee Great God, to thee alone,  
One Co-eternal Three,  
All Power, and Praise, and Joy, and Bliss,  
Now and for ever be.

### Antiphon.

*Thou art, O Lord, the true light of the world; they  
who follow thee, walk not in darknes.*

### A Prayer for the Evening.

**O** most blessed Saviour, whose sacre body,  
after thou hadst finished the work of our  
redemption, was taken down from the Crosse,  
and after a short repose in the Sepulchre, was  
raised again to a glorious immortality; grant  
us, we beseech thee, so frequently to renew in  
our minds the memory of thy grave, that we  
may always be prepared for our own, and so  
seriously to reflect on the consequences of a holy  
death, that we may every day grow less affec-  
ted to this transitory life, and more in love  
with thy eternal joys, who with the Father,  
and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one  
God, world without end. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

HYMN

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## H Y M N.

**O** Lord, now night's return'd again,  
Our bodies, and our souls refrain  
From being soil'd with filthy stain:

Let not dull sleep oppress our eyes,  
Nor us the enemy surprize,  
Nor fearful dreams our mind affright,  
While the blackness of the night,  
Holds from us the chearful light.

To thee, who dost by rest renew  
Our wasted strength, we humbly sue,  
That when we shall enclose our eyes,  
Pure and chaste we may arise,  
And make our Morning Sacrifice.

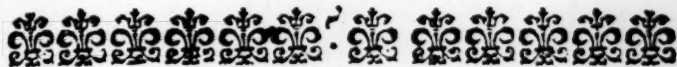
Honor, Lord, to thee be done,  
O thou blessed Virgins Son,  
With the Father and the Spirit;  
As is thine eternal merit,  
Ever and ever to inherit.

## Antiphon.

*He hath made the out-goings of the Morning and  
Evening to praise him.*

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Let the Priests, the Ministers of the Lord, weep  
before the Porch and the Altar, and let them  
say, Spare thy people, O Lord.



## The Altar.

A broken Altar, Lord, to thee I raise,  
Made of a heart to celebrate thy praise.

Thou that the onely Workman art,  
That canst cement a broken heart,

For such is mine,

Make it thine;

Take out the sin,

That's hid therein,

Though it be stone,

Make it to grone,

That to the same

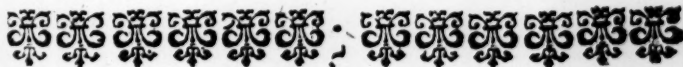
May praise thy Name.

Melt it, O Lord, I thee desire,

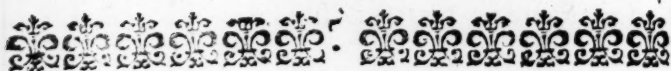
With flames of thy Celestial Fire,

That it may ever speak thy praise alone,

Since thou hast changed into flesh, a stone.



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### *The Youth's Ejaculation.*

**G**od be in my head, and understand-  
ing.

God be in my eyes, and in my seeing.

God be in my mouth, and in my speak-  
ing.

God be in my ear, and in my hearing.

God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

God be in my will, and my desire.

God be at my end, and at my departing.

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Be gone, Profanenes, come not near,  
Nor ought but what is pure and clear,  
Or that which groaneth to be so,  
May at his peril farther go.

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Preparatory Prayers for Morning and Evening,  
beginning with the several Letters of the  
Name of our Sovereign Lord King  
**C H A R L E S.**



## C. Morning Prayer.

Let my Prayer be set forth in thy sight, O Lord,  
as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands  
as an Evening-Sacrifice.

**C**ALL, O Lord, to my remembrance all my  
late actions, and so further me with thy  
gracious favour, and continual help, that in  
all

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all my works begun , continued, and ended in  
thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and finally  
by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inherit  
With beams of thy Celestial Spirit,  
Enflame our hearts, we thee desire  
With sparks from thy celestial fire,  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy seven-fold Gifts impart,  
Thy holy Unction from above  
Is Comfort, Life, and fire of Love,  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dulness of our blinded sight :  
Cherish and clear our soiled Face,  
With the abundance of thy Grace ,  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home,  
Where thou art Guide, no ill can come :  
Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee of both, to be but one ,  
That through the Ages all along,  
This may be our endless Song,  
Praise to the Almighty merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### Antiphon.

*When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive,  
and gave gifts to men.*

H. Even-

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H. Evening Prayer.  
The Confession.

**H**Ave mercy upon me, Almighty and most merciful Father, for I have erred and strayed from thy ways like a lost sheep; I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart, I have offended against thy holy Laws, I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done, and there is no health in me; but thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me miserable offender, spare thou me, O God, which confels my faults, restore thou me that am penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**L**ord, now the time returns,  
For weary men to rest;  
And lay aside those pains and cares,  
Wherewith we are oppress'd:  
Or rather change our thoughts  
To more concerning cares:  
How to redeem our mispent time,  
With Sighs, and Tears, and Prayers.

How

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How to provide for Heaven,  
That place of rest and peace ;  
Where our full joys shall never wain,  
Our pleasures never cease.

Blest be thy love, dear Lord,  
That taught us this sweet way ;  
Onely to love thee for thy self,  
And for that love, obey.

O thou our souls chief hope,  
We to thy mercy fly ;  
Where e're we are thou canst protect ,  
What e're we need, supply.

Whether we wake or sleep,-  
Either to thee is done,  
By night we through our eye-lids peep ,  
As if the night were gone.

Whether we live or die,  
Both we submit to thee ;  
In death we live, as well as life ,  
If thine in death we be.

Glory to thee, great God ,  
One Co-eternal Three ;  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Eternal glory be.

### Antiphon.

*The Lord that keepeth Israel neither slumbereth nor  
sleepeth ; the Sun shall not smite by day, nor the Moon  
by night, all those that trust in him.*

A. Morn-

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A. Morning Prayer.

**A** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, and hath promised to pardon them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe thy holy Gospel; Of thy mercy I beseech thee to grant me true repentance, and thy holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which I do at this present, and that the rest of my life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last I may come to thy eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**N**ow that the Day-star doth arise,  
Beg we of God with humble cries;  
Hurtful things to keep away,  
While we duly spend the day:  
Our tongues to guide so, that no strife,  
May breed disquiet in our life.  
To shut the casement of our eye,  
Lest it admit of vanity,  
Preserve the heart both pure and free,  
From vain and troubled Phantasie,  
To tame proud flesh, while we deny it  
A full cup, and a wanton dier,  
That when the day-light shall go out,  
Time bringing on the night about,  
We by leaving worldly ways,  
May in silence sing Gods Praise.



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### Antiphon.

*As long as I live will I magnifie thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in thy Name.*

### R Evening Prayer.

**R**emember not, Lord, the sins and iniquities of my Forerathers, nor lay to my charge the sins of this day. or my whole life, grant me a pure intencion of heart, and a steadfast regard to thy Glazy in all my Actions; possess my mind continually with thy presence, and ravish it with thy love, that my onely desire may be, to be embraced in the Arms of thy protection; and that for the sake of my most blessed Saviour and Redēmer, Jesus Christ the righteous, to whom be all honor and glozy, now and for evermore. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**C**ome Holy Spirit, come and breathe,  
Thy spicy odours on the face  
Of our dull Region here beneath,  
And fill our souls with thy sweet Grace.

Come and root out the poysonous weeds  
which over-run and choak our lives;  
And in our hearts plant thine own seeds,  
whose quickning power our spirit revives.

First plant the humble Violet there,  
That dwells secure by being low;  
Then let the Lilly next appear,  
And make us chaste, yet fruitful too.

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But oh! plant all the vertues, Lord,  
And let the Metaphors alone;  
Repeat once more that mighty word,  
Thou need'st but say, *Let it be done.*

We can alás, nor be, nor grow,  
Unless thy powerful mercy please,  
Thy hand must plant and water too,  
Thy hand alone must give increase.

Do then, what thou alone canst do,  
Do what to thee so easie is,  
Conduct us through this World of woe,  
And place us safe in thine own bliss,

All glory to the Sacred Three,  
One ever-living Sovereign Lord:  
As at the first, still may he be,  
Belov'd, and Prais'd, Fear'd, and Ador'd.

### Antiphon.

*Kindle in our hearts, O Lord, thy holy fire, that we  
may offer to thee the incense of Praise.*

### L Morning Prayer.

**L** Oyd Jesus, into thy hands I gibe my Bo-  
dy, my Soul, my Substance, my Fame,  
my Friends, my Liberty, and my Life; dispose  
of me, and all that is mine, this day, and at all  
times, as it seemeth best unto thee, and to the  
glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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H Y M N.

**A** Wake, my soul, chase from thine eyes  
This drowfie sloth, and quickly rise,  
Up, and to work apace ;  
No less than Kingdoms are prepar'd ,  
And endless blifs for their reward,  
Who finish well their race.

'Tis not so poor a thing to be  
Servants to Heaven, dear Lord, and thee,  
As this fond world believes,  
Not even here where oft the wise  
Are most expos'd to injuries,  
And friendless verue grieves.

Sometimes thy hand lets gently fall  
A little drop, that sweetens all  
The bitter of our cup ;  
O what hereafter shall we be,  
When we shall have whole draughts of thee  
Brim-full, and drink them up?

Say, happy souls, whose thirst now meets  
The fresh and living stream of sweets,  
Which spring from that blest Throne ;  
Did you not find this true even here,  
Do you not find it truer there ,  
Now Heaven is all your own?

O yes, the sweets we taste, exceed  
All we can say, or you can read ;  
They fill, and never cloy .

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On earth our cup was sweet, but mixt ;  
Here all is pure, refin'd, and fixt ;  
All quintessence of Joy.

Hear'st thou, my soul, what glorious things,  
The Church of Heaven in triumph sings,  
Of their blest life above ?  
Chear thy faint hopes, and bid them live ;  
All these thy God to thee will give,  
If thou embrace his love.

Great God of rich rewards who thus  
Hast crown'd thy Saints, and wilt crown us ,  
As both to thee belong ;  
O may we both together sing  
Eternal praise to thee our King,  
In one Eternal Song.

### Antiphon.

*O how glorious is the Kingdom of Heaven, where  
the Lord reigns in the midst of his Saints !*

### E. Evening Prayer.

**E**very day, my Lord and my God, do I be-  
seech thee to give me patience in my trou-  
bles and afflictions, humility in comforts, con-  
stancy in temptations, and victory against Do-  
mestick, In-Land, Foreign, or Ghostly ene-  
mies ; make them, O Lord, like Oreb and Zeeb,  
and all their Princes, as Zeba and Zalmunna ;  
Defend me, O God, this night and ever, a-  
gainst them that rise up against me, for they  
are

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are many in number ; And let them know that  
thou art my God in whom I trust, for my hope  
standeth in the Name of the Lord, who hath  
made Heaven and Earth, to whom with the  
blessed Trinity, three Persons and one God, be  
glory and praise for evermore. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**T**ell me you bright Stars that shine  
Round about the Lambs high Throne ;  
How, through Bodies once like mine,  
How you are thus glorious grown.

Hark, with one voice they reply ;  
This was all our happy skill :  
We on Jesus fixt our eye,  
And his eminent followers still.

As we clearly saw their mind  
Set and rul'd, we order'd ours :  
Both this state alone design'd,  
Up towards this strain'd all our powers.

Taught by Temperance we abstain'd  
From all less, for greater goods :  
Slighting little drops, we gain'd  
Full, and sweet, and lasting Floods.

Arm'd with Fortitude we bare  
Lesser evils, worse do fly :  
Mortal death we durst our dare,  
Rather than for ever die.

Justice.

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Justice we observ'd, by giving  
Every one their utmost due :  
That in peace and order living,  
All might freely Heaven pursue.

Prudence govern'd all the rest ;  
Prudence made us still apply  
What was fittest, what was best ,  
To advance great Charity.

On those golden wheels of Grace ;  
That Loves fiery Chariot bear ;  
We arriv'd at this bright place ;  
Follow us, and never fear.

O sure truth ; O blest attesters ;  
O that all the world may prove  
Of both these such strong digesters,  
That both these may feed their love.

Him who made us all for this ;  
Him who made himself our way ;  
Him who leads us unto bliss ;  
May all praise, and all obey.

### Antiphon.

*Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, who hast provided us  
so great rewards, and strengthened our hopes with so  
many witnesses.*

S. A private Prayer for all times.

**S**Ap unto my soul, O God, thou art my Sal-  
vation ; claim me therefore as thy right,  
keep me as thy charge, and love me as thy  
child ;

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child; fight for me when I am assaulted, heal me when I am wounded, and revive me when I am destroyed; O thou preserver of men, have mercy on me for thy Names sake. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**T**He Sun by Prayer  
Did cease his course and staid:  
The hungry Lyons  
Fawn'd upon their prey;  
And walled passage  
Through the Sea it made.  
From furious fire  
It banished heat away:  
It shut the Heavens,  
Three years from giving rain;  
It open'd Heavens,  
And showers pour'd down again.  
O may our Prayer,  
Dear Lord, approach to thee,  
Petitions hear,  
And then propitious be,  
Teach us to praise  
Thy Name with one accord,  
That we may sing  
Due praise to thee, O Lord.

### Antiphon.

*Prayer is the Souls Artillery, wherewith it penetrates  
the gates of Heaven.*

An

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## An Alphabet of Lessons for the instruction of Youth.

A

**A**s the Clay is in the Potters hand to fashion it at his pleasure, so Man is in the hand of him that made him, to render to them as liketh him best, wherefore fear thou the Lord.

B

Bless them which persecute you, bless, and curse not, neither be wise in your own conceit.

C

Children being haughty through disdain, and want of nurture, stain the nobility of their kindred: wherefore be thou humble, and meek, even as Christ himself was.

D

Dishonour not a man in his old age, for even some of us were old.

E

Eat as becometh a man, those things which are set before thee; and devour not, lest thou be hated.

F

Flee from sin, as from the face of a serpent; for if thou comest too near it will bite thee, the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a Lion slaying the souls of men.

G Give

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G

Give not thy mind unto gold, for it hath destroyed many, and perverted the hearts of kings.

H

Hate not laborious work, neither Husbandry, which the most High hath ordained.

I

Judge of thy neighbor by thy self, and be discreet in every point.

K

Knock and it shall be opened unto you; ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find.

L

Love thy friend, and be faithful to him, yea, love thy neighbor as thy self.

M

My Son, help thy Father in his age, and grieve him not so long as he liveth.

N

Never trust thine Enemy; for he will weep with his eyes, but if he find an opportunity, he will not be satisfied with blood.

O

Obeey them that have the rule over you, and submit your self; for they watch for your soul, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief.

P

Prepare what to say, and so thou shalt be heard,

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heard; bind up instruction, and then make answer.

**Q** Quarrel not at all, but put off anger, wrath, and malice, and let not blasphemy, and filthy communications enter into your mouth.

**R** Reproach not a man that turneth from sin, but remember that all men are worthy of punishment.

**S** Scribe not with a mighty men, lest thou fall into his hands.

**T** Three sorts of men see thou avoid, as vain and odious, a poor man that is proud, a rich man that is a lyer, and an old Adulterer that doteth.

**U** Use not to make any manner of lye, for the custom thereof is not good.

**W** Watching for riches consumeth the flesh, and the care thereof driveth away sleep.

**X** Xantippe the scolding Wife of Socrates, was an ill example for vertuous Women.

**Y** Yield your self unto the Lord, and serve him, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

**Z** Zion shall be redeemed with Judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Loyal

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Loyal Prayers for every day of the week, beginning with the Letters of the Name of our Sovereign Lord King CHARLES,



C Munday.

Consider, O Lord, our enemies, how many they are, and they bear a tyrannous hate against us.

CALL us not away, O Lord, in the time of imminent danger; Arise, O God, and defend us from our foes, it is a sure token of thy tender

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render mercy, O Lord, that we and our Rabal  
strength, that fighteth for us in the deep, are  
not consumed; in the midst of their destruction  
and judgment thou hast remembered mercy, and  
hast saved; Not unto us, O God, not unto us,  
be the praise and glory, but to thy Name, O  
Lord God of Hosts. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**H** Ark, my Soul, how every thing  
Strives to serve our bounteous King;  
Each a double tribute pays;  
Sings its part, and then obeys.

Natures chief and sweetest Quire,  
Him with chearful Notes admire;  
Chanting every day their Lauds;  
While the Grove their Song applauds.

Though their voices lower be,  
Streams have too their melody;  
Night and day they warbling run;  
Never pause, but still sing on.

All the Flowers that gild the Spring;  
Hither their still-Musick bring;  
If Heaven bless them, thankful they  
Smell more sweet, and look more gay.

Onely we can scarce afford  
Due thanksgivings to our Lord:  
We, on whom his bounty flows,  
All things gives, and nothing owes.

Wake

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Wake for shame my sluggish heart,  
Wake, and gladly sing thy part :  
Learn of Birds, and Springs, and Flowers,  
How to use thy nobler Powers.

Call whole Nature to thy aid ;  
Since 'twas he whole Nature made :  
Joyn in one eternal Song,  
Who to one God all belong.

Live for ever glorious Lord !  
Live by all thy works ador'd :  
One in three, and Three in One,  
Thrice we bow to thee alone.

### Antiphon.

*To know thee, O Lord, is the greatest learning, and  
to be known of thee, the greatest happiness.*

H.                      Teusday.

Haste thee, O God, to deliver us, make haste to  
help us, O Lord.

**H**ear our prayers, O God, and let our cry  
come unto thee, in the time of our trouble  
we lift our hands and our hearts to thee, bounch-  
safe then, O Lord, to save us, and our Ships  
and Rabies that are upon the Seas, and the  
persons of those that are in them, give thine  
Angels a charge over them, help, O Lord, and  
save them for thy mercies sake, that they may  
bring home Honor and Victory to our gracious  
King, Peace and Plenty to our Kingdoms, and

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a safeguard to those that on their lawfull occasions travel upon the Seas: grante this for thy mercies sake, and for the merits of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

Come let's adore the gracious hand,  
That brought us to this light :  
That gave his Angels strict command,  
To be our guard this night.

When we laid down our weary head,  
And sleep seal'd up our eye :  
They stood and watcht about our bed,  
To let no harm come nigh,

Now we are up, they still go on,  
And guide us through the day :  
They never leave their charge alone,  
What e're besets our way.

And oh my soul, how many snares  
Lie spread before our feet !  
In all our joys, in all our cares,  
Some danger still we meet.

Sometimes the sin doth us o'retake,  
And on our weakness win :  
Sometimes our selves our ruine make,  
And we o'retake the sin.

O save us, Lord, from all those darts,  
That seek our souls to slay :

Save

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Save us, from us, and our false hearts;  
Lest we our selves betray.

Save us, O Lord, to thee we cry;  
From whom all blessings spring:  
We on thy grace alone relie;  
Alone thy glory sing.

Glory to thee Eternal Lord,  
Thrice blessed Three in One;  
Thy Name at all times be ador'd;  
Till time it self be done.

### Antiphon.

*If we receive all we have of God; why do we boast  
as if we had it of our selves?*

A.           Wednesday.

Awake, and stand up to judge our quarrel; avenge  
thou our cause, our God and our Lord.

**A** Ssist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our  
Supplications and Prayers, and dispose  
the way of thy Servants towards the attain-  
ment of everlasting Salvation; that among  
all the changes and troubles of this mortal life,  
they may ever be defended by thy most graci-  
ous providence, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**L** Et others take their course,  
And sing what Name they please:  
Let wealth, or beauty be their theme,  
Such empty sounds as these.

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For me I'll ne're admire,  
A lump of burnisht clay :  
How e're it shines, it is but dust ;  
And shall to dust decay.

Sweet Jesus is the Name,  
My Song shall still adore ;  
Sweet Jesus is the charming Word  
That does my life restore.

When I am dead in grief,  
Or, which is worse, in sin ,  
I call on Jesus, and he hears ,  
And I to live begin.

Then, Lord, for ever may  
Thy Throne establish'd be :  
For ever may all hearts and tongues  
Sings Hymns of praise to thee.

### Antiphon.

*Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods ;  
Who is like unto thee, terrible in thy judgments ?*

### R. Thursday.

Rejoyce, O Lord, the souls of thy servants, for  
unto thee do we lift up our hearts.

**R**emember not, O Lord, our former iniqui-  
ties, let thy tender mercies speedily pre-  
vent us, for we are brought very low ; Help us,  
O God of our salvation, for the Glorie of thy  
Name deliver us, and purge away our sins for  
thy Names sake, that we thy people, and the  
thy

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Sheep of thy pasture, may give thee thanks for ever. To all generations, we will shew forth thy praise, for thou, O Lord, art worthy of all Honor, Glory, Might, Majesty, Power, and Dominion, world without end. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

H Y M N.

**O** Pen thine eyes, my soul, and see  
Once more the light returns to thee:  
Look round about, and chuse thy way  
Thou mean'st to travel o're to day.

Think on the dangers thou may'st meet,  
And always watch thy sliding feet.  
Think where thou once hast saln before,  
Observe the place, and sin no more.

Think on the help thy God bestows;  
Contrive to steer thy life by those:  
Think on the sweets thy soul did feel  
When thou didst well, and do so still.

Think on the pains that shall torment  
Those sinners bold, that ne're repent:  
Think on the Joys that wait above  
To crown the head of holy love.

Think what at last will be thy part,  
If thou go'st on where now thou art;  
See life and death, set thee to chuse;  
One thou must take, and one refuse.

O Lord be thou my perfect Guide,  
So shall I never step aside;

Still

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Still make me walk, still make me rend;  
By thee my way, to thee my end.

All Glory to the sacred Three,  
One undivided Deity:

As it hath been in ages gone,  
May now, and ever still be done.

### Antiphon.

*The day will come, it will infalibly come, when  
God will destroy all that work iniquity.*

L. Friday.

Let the words of our mouths, the meditations of  
our hearts, the actions of our bodies, and the  
desires of our souls, be now this day and ever,  
acceptable in thy sight, O God our Strength,  
and our Redeemer.

**L** O God Almighty, Father of all mercies,  
and of our Lord Jesus Christ, Heaven  
and Earth is full of the Majesty of thy Glor,;  
we thy unworthy servants here befoze thee at  
this time, desire humbly to thank thee for all  
thy mercies, which from time to time thou hast  
been pleased to bestow upon us, notwithstanding  
the abundance of sins which we have  
committed against thee; we confess, O Lord, it  
is infinitely more thy mercies than our merits  
that we have not been long since confounded;  
for we have sinned against thee with an high  
hand, ever pouring in, but never pouring out  
any filthiness, day after day adding one sin  
unto

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unto another, as if we were boyn to no other end but to sin against thee, if thou, O Lord, shouldest be extream to mark what is done amiss, who were able to abide it: Have mercy upon us miserable sinners, spare us, good Lord, spare thou them which confess their faults, and be not angry with us for ever; forgive us our sins, and shew us the light of thy countenance, and we shall be safe: watch over us this day for good, and not for evil; keep us from running into any gross sin, or from being led into any lewd temptation, especially those whereunto by Nature we are most inclined; be good unto us, O Lord God, above all that we are able to deserbe or to desire, and all for thy mercies sake, and thy dear Son Christ Jesus his sake, to whom, together with thee, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed as is most due, all honor, praise, and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**M**Y God, had I my breath from thee,  
This hour to speak and sing?  
And shall my voice, and shall my song,  
Praise any but their King?

My God, had I my Soul from thee,  
This power to judge, and chuse,  
And shall my brain, and shall my will;  
Their best to thee refuse?

Alas,

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Alas, not this alone, or that,  
Hast thou bestow'd on me;  
But all I have, and all I hope,  
I have and hope from thee.

And more I have, and more I hope,  
Than I can speak or think:  
Thy blessings first refresh, then fill,  
Then overflow the brink.

Glory to thee Immortal God,  
O great Co-equal Threee;  
As at the first beginning was,  
May now and ever be.

### Antiphon.

*A good Conscience is a continual Feast, and a peaceful mind the Antepast of Heaven.*

E.            Saturday.

Evermore will we praise the Lord, for his mercies endureth for ever.

**E**vermore, Lord God, we desire to render unto thee all humble and hearty thanks, for thy infinite mercies, which through the whole course of our lives we have received at thy hands: Lord, what are we, that thou shouldest be mindful of us? what is man, that thou shouldest vouchsafe to hear him, or the son of man, that thou shouldest visit him? we have sinned, O Lord, we have sinned against thee, we have offended against thy holy Laws, daily

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adding one sin unto another, without any true repentance, drinking iniquity as it were water, so that from the crowns of our heads to the soles of our feet, there remains no part that is sound, but sin like a loathsome leprosie is grown over us, and we are become vile in our own eyes, how much more abominable in thy sight, O God, that canst not behold iniquity: but O thou that art the Physitian of the soul, that canst kill, and canst make alive, say unto our souls, Be ye clean, and we shall be clean; speak peace to our consciences; give us that peace the world cannot give, forgive us our sins of Omission, and our sins of Commission, the sins which we have committed our selves, and the sins which we have caused others to commit, Lord lay them not to our charge; make us clean, and by thy mighty Power enable us so to continue; hear us, and help us, and do abundantly more for us, we beseech thee, than we are able to ask or think, and that alone for thy mercies sake, and thy dear Son Christ Jesus his sake, to whom be all Honor and Glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

## H Y M N.

**A**Nd now, my soul, canst thou forget  
That thy whole life is one long debt  
Of love to him, who on the Tree  
Paid back the flesh he took, for thee?

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Lo, how the streams of precious blood,  
Flow from five wounds into one flood;  
With these he washes all thy stains,  
And buys thy ease with his own pains.

Tall Tree of Life! we clearly now  
That doubt of former ages know;  
It was thy wood should make the Throne  
Fit for a more than *Solomon*.

Large, Throne of Love! royally spread  
With purple of too rich a red:  
Strange costly price! thus to make good  
Thine own esteem with the Kings blood!

Hail! fairest Plant of Paradise;  
To thee our hopes lift up their eyes:  
O may aloft thy branches shoot,  
And fill the Nations with thy fruit.

O may all reap from thy increase,  
The just more strength, the sinner, peace:  
While our half-wither'd hearts, and we  
Engraft our selves, and grow on thee.

Live, O for ever live, and reign,  
Blest Lamb, whom thine own love hath slain;  
And may thy lost sheep live to be  
True lovers of thy Cross, and thee.

### Antiphon.

*This is, alas, the land of the dying; but we hope to  
see the glory of our God in the land of the living.*

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S.

Sunday.

Sing we unto the Lord a new Song, for he hath dealt bountifully with us.

**S**acrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving are to be given to thee, O God, for thou art a gracious Father, and rich in mercy to all that call upon thy Name; We, O Lord, desire to yield thee humble and hearty thanks, for preserving us from all manner of perils, not onely this night, or this week last past, but from the beginning of our liues, we thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast been pleased to bring us safe to the light of this thy day, and to the comforts which are consecrated for thy h nor, and appointed on this holy Day for thy Service; so inspire our hearts most gracious Lord God, with the Majestie and Glorie thereof, that we may wholly decline our own affairs, and may with delight seek thee in the use of thine Ordinances, and may study with all our mights, to perform those duties which thou dost this day expect from us: And since thou, O Lord, wilt be sanctified in all that draw near to thee, we beseech thee to pass by all our transgressions, cast them out of thy sight, and accept of us in the merits of thy Son Iesus, that when we shall visit thy Temple, and approach to thine Altar, our prayers may come up before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as an evening Sacrifice; And as we are desirous that thou wouldest hear us when we call upon thee, so we beseech

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beseech thee give us grace to hear thee ; when in  
thy Word and Ministry thou callest upon us ;  
endue our hearts with reverence when we hear  
it, with meekness when we receive it, and so  
strengthen us with faith, that we may build  
thereon as on a rock, the fabricks of our salva-  
tion: Lord, hear us, and answer us, do with  
us and for us according to the riches of thy  
mercy, and that for thy dear Son Christ Jesus  
his sake, in whose Name and words we desire  
to be farther heard, saying as he himself hath  
taught his Disciples in his most holy Gospel,  
Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### H Y M N.

**B**Ehold we come, dear Lord, to thee !

And bow before thy Throne ;

We come to offer on our knee,

Our vows to thee alone.

What e're we have, what e're we are ,

Thy bounty freely gave :

Thou dost us here in mercy spare,

And wilt hereafter save.

But, O, can all our store afford

No better gifts for thee ?

Thus we confess thy riches, Lord,

And thus our poverty.

'Tis not our tongue or knee can pay

The mighty Debt we owe ;

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Far more we should than we can say,  
Far lower than we bow.

Come then, my soul, bring all thy powers  
And grieve thou hast no more,  
Bring every day thy choicest hours,  
And thy great God adore.

But above all, prepare thy heart,  
On this his own blest day :  
In its sweet task to bear thy part,  
To Sing, and Love, and Pray.

Glory to thee, Eternal Lord !  
Thrice blessed Three in One,  
Thy Name at all times be ador'd;  
Till time it self be done.

### Antiphon.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us  
be glad and rejoyce therein.*

The close out of the Holy Scriptures.

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord  
make his Face to shine upon us, and be graci-  
ous to us, the Lord lift up his countenance upon  
us, and give us peace.

Glorp be to God on high, on earth peace,  
god will towards men. Amen.

Meditations holy and humane, on sundry occasi-  
ons, divided into Chapters.

Chap. 1. Of serving God.

**G**OD will have no time to save us, if we  
finde no day to serve him.

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2 Shall we have six days in seven, and God not one?

3 Publick worship is the Pillar of Religion, and high Service of Almighty God.

4 If every one taketh away his Stone, we shall pull down the Pillar, to the ruine of Religion.

5 In the Church we are before Gods face as well as mans.

6 It is both a scandal to man, and a scorn to God, to be irreverent in the Church, to dare, and jeer God to his Face.

7 The truest picture of the Saints with God in heaven, is a Congregation devout at Gods Worship on earth.

8 We cannot do better than to go to Heaven; nor worse, than to do any thing ill, or unseemly in it.

9 The Devils misbehaviour in Heaven cast him into hell.

10 He that laughs in the Church, is tickled by the Devil.

A Parable of the Pharisee and Publican.

11 Two men went up into the Temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican.

12 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, Extortioners, Unjust, Adulterers, or even as this Publican.

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13 I fast twice in the week, I giue tythes of all that I possess.



14 And the Publican standing a far off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto Heaven.

15 But smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

16 I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyp one that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Chap. 2. Of delaying to be good.

**I**f God calls to day, shall we go to morrow? shall the Devil have the flower of our age, and God the bran?

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2 It is a desperate resolution to fall into the puddle of sin this week, in hope to rise the next.

3 For the longer we keep off from God, his acceptance is the more doubtful.

4 And mans performance is more difficult, because Satan hath the greater power over him, and sin in him, by the strength of custom, which to conquer is a miracle.

5 Repentance too hath a greater task, more spots to wash, knots to loose, rats to dig, foes to kill.

6 The best fruit of sin is repentance, the rest is shame and death.

Chap. 3. Of Presumption.

**I**t is the Devils lullaby, to sleep out the time of salvation, as did the five foolish Virgins.

2 None but a poisonous spirit will suck the strength out of the flower of mercy.

3 It is in the confidence of Mercy, to put contempt on Justice.

4 It is to leave the soul at last without all hope of succor and sanctuary, because guilt dare not fly to offended Justice, and hath no remedy else but abused Mercy.

5 Gods best Saints have been fearing men, and shall sinners be presumers?

6 I presume of that which is not mine, but Gods life, and Grace: with either of which I am undone for ever, and yet I provoke God, without whose mercy I can have neither.

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### Chap. 4. Of Despair.

**I**t is the sin of Hell, not fit for them that live on Earth, who may be in a state damnable, but not condemned.

2 The sin against Heaven ; not a Treason against God , but a murderer of the Godhead, in which Judas sinned more than in his Treason.

3 The sin on earth , capable of a cure two ways, by Consideration, and Caution.

Consider.

4 If I have a world of sin to damn me, God hath a sea of mercy to drown it.

5 No stains or guiltes can make a soul so vile, but Christs blood can cleanse it.

6 The Remedy of Repentance was experienced by David, Peter, Manasseh , Magdalen , Paul, and others.

Beware before of the Sin of Presumption.

7 From the precipice of false hope, are the most fearful and fatal falls into despair.

8 Wo to him that lies under the temptations to despair, for himself and the Devil are his foes, and no man of God his friend.

### Chap. 5. Of Discontent.

**T**he discontented man is a Watch overwound, wrested out of tune, and goeth false.

2 Discontent filtheth the soul more with considerations of its unhappinesse, than with thoughts of remedy.

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3 Nay its so busied with the thoughts of the mischief, that it alloweth no leisure for those of a release.

4 Discontent entails the mind to misery, smothered sorrows grow.

5 Look not so much how many there are in better condition than thy self, but how many more in a worse.

6 Its impossible to bring things to our mind, let a man bring his mind to things, and since he is not what he desireth to be, let him desire to be what he is.

7 Apprehension of wrongs make them more injuries than are offered them.

8 Prosperity would be union, but for adversity.

9 Is the matter of thy discontent in thy power, remedy it; is it not in thy power, submit.

### Chap. 6. Of Swearing and Blaspheming.

**T**he Jews stopt their ears at it, and shall Christians open their mouths for it?

2 It is treason against the Divine Majesty, and a high ingratitude:

3 For God made our tongues to glorifie him, and we make them instruments of sin.

4 There is great danger in it; the Law says of condemnation.

5 There is no profit, credit, or pleasure in it, a meer sin without motive to excuse it.

6 Its

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6 Its offence is aggravated by custom : that a man shall dare to get , and keep an habit against Heaven.

7 There are means to be used for the losing, as well as getting custom.

8 For Gods Name, O Lord, Jesus, Christ, use other words; as, O strange, O rare, O me, with as good sense, and less sin.

9 Punish thy slips by biting of thy tongue, by giving an Alms, or by saying the Lords-Prayer.

### Chap. 7. Of Lying.

**T**he Devil first spake, and ever since taught this language.

2 The death of mankind was drawn in first from the breath of that serpent.

2 Speech brought forth with a lie, is conceived in Adultery.

4 He that loveth a lye, divorceth his soul from truth, Gods Daughter , and espouseth it to falsehood, which is the Devils.

5 The Devils Daughter hath damnation for her dowry; so hath lying, it is a sin of air, but ends in fire.

6 The primitive Christians would rather die than lye , chusing rather the loss of life, than such a stain upon the Conscience.

7 To loath, and leave this sin ; do nothing foul to be blushed at, and thou shalt not need a lye for a mask.

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### Chap. 8. Of Slandering.

**I**T makes our mouths black, and us, to spit  
Ink in our brothers face.

2 To wound a good mans fame, is to throw  
dirt at God himself, for the righteous are pre-  
cious in his sight.

3 To wound a man of God so, is yet worse,  
for it kills so many souls as believe the slan-  
ders; and his ministry lies a bleeding if his  
credit receives his wound.

4 Be deaf to obloquy, which is the onely  
way naturally to become dumb to it.

5 Neither believe, nor devise ill reports.

### Chap. 9. Of Idleness.

**I**T is a sad thing to come into the world, one-  
ly to live and die.

2 To live in a life of idleness, is a lingering  
death even in our life.

3 If we are idle in our duty towards God,  
we must needs be too busie in serving the de-  
vil.

4 It is the spawn of lust; as standing wa-  
ters corrupt soonest, and swarm with loathsome  
creatures.

5 It is the shame of a man; a baseness be-  
low all creatures, even from the Emmet to the  
Angel.

6 It is the Mother of want in this world,  
and of everlasting ruine in the world to come.

7 Heaven is worth our labor; Eternity is  
the reward for the expence of a little time.

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8 Christ took pains to save thy soul, the Martyrs sweat and bled to save theirs, and shall not we sweat to save ours?

9 The Devil is watchful to destroy our souls, and shall we take no care to preserve them?

Chap. 10. Of Gluttony.

**I**T is a sin man is not made for, but is undone by.

2 It makes man a swine; his Belly is his God; his Paunch, his Paradise; the Kitching, his Church; first and second Courses, his Services; his hours of Devotion, Meal-times; his Creed is in his Cook; his Decalogue, in his Dishes.

3 The company of Epicures, his Communion of Saints; and death everlasting, his end.

4 It is a sin that is always mother of another: for Luxury never wants a womb, where Gluttony hath a belly.

5 It is oftentimes sister to a multitude of sins.

6 It makes a man wretched as a beast, for even here it bars him of the greatest blessing; health, and of his chiefest boon, long life, and his onely bliss, pleasure;

7 For, fulness is the mother of sickness, and sickness is the nurse of death.

8 The Glutton even then diggeth his grave with his teeth, when he most pampers his palate.

9 Before

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9 Before the Flood the life of Man was ten to one longer than now, because his diet was twenty to one less.

Chap. 11. Of Lasciviousness and Luxury.

**T**he sin of unchastity is vain, foul, fearful, and prebailing: For

2 The more lust is served, the less it is satisfied.

3 It is sacrilegiously to make a Stew of Gods Temple, the body.

4 It is short pleasure for an everlasting pain.

5 It stains the Conscience, wounds Health, Honor, Estate and Reputation.

6 Take heed therefore of the things that beget and nourish lust.

7 Covenant with the eyes against lascivious Persons, Pictures, and Gestures.

8 Stop thy ears against all lustful Songs, lewd Discourses and Devices.

9 Keep thy heart from excessive sleep, meats and drinks, or such as are known to be provocative.

10 Temperance and Sobriety are great friends to Chastity.

Chap. 12. Of Nature.

**A**rt is an assistant to Nature, and Experience is the Touch-stone and perfection of Art.

2 It is difficult to make that straight by Art, which Nature hath made crooked.

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3 Let Nature have what is requisite, though affection be denied it.

4 Nature with Learning is rude, and Learning without Nature is foolish.

5 All things are Artificial, for Nature is the Art of God.

### Chap. 13. Of Pride.

**I** Never yet found Pride in a noble Nature, nor humility in an unworthy mind.

2 It is Gods hate; other sins fly God, but this flies at God, and God at it.

3 It is mans bane; it went before the Fall, Angels, and Adam, and doth go before destruction.

4 It is Christs scorn; in his birth, life, death, all humility, nothing of pride.

5 Why should man be proud? a grave will be the end of his body, and hell (without pardon) the end of a sinning soul.

6 What can he boast of? his riches, the persecutions of his body or soul, are all the gifts of God, and no man but is liable to surrender whensoever God shall please to summon him.

### Chap. 14. Of Anger, Rage, and Cruelty.

**A**nger deferred, alwayeth; continued, it increaseth.

2 In correction take heed of being angry, lest thy inordinate passion provoke thee to inordinate actions.

3 Hasty and forward speeches begets anger; anger, wrath; wrath, revenge, and revenge, mischief.

4 There

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4 There is a great seuerity, and as little discretion in fauouring all, as in fauouring none.

5 The angry man is unhappy in this, that his friends dare not giue him counsel.

6 Moderate anger is the sinew of the soul; and increaseth valour, when mixed with discretion.

7 Holp anger makes euen a Saint either a Beast or a Bedlam.

8 Wrath shuts God out of the heart, and lets in the Devil.

9 To rule over anger is to be aboue a Conqueror, but to serue it, is to be below a Slave.

10 Wrath is opposite to health, and grace, and so an enemy to body and soul.

11 If thou art angry, repeat to thy self the Alphabet, or Criss-cross-row, before you speak, or say the Lords Prayer, the Creed, or some other lesson of Scripture.

Chap. 15. Of Envy.

**E**nvie is a snake in the heart, poisoning the fountain of actions, and stingeing the mind, to the wasting of the spirits, and weakning of the body.

2 The heart will endure no such snake in it, if it haue Faith in Gods providence, whose orders and acts enuey quarrels.

3 Or if it hath love to God and heaven, for there the more heirs, the more inheritance.

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4 O to man on earth; for we not grieve,  
but joy at their good whom we love.

5 Humility is a good Antidote against envy,  
for pride breeds this snake.

6 If we have pity, we will see man as mortal  
and mutable.

7 Dead Pompey made Cæsar weep.

Chap. 16. Of Malice.

**M**alice is a Toad swelling with venom in  
the heart: To God, who is love, it is  
most odious, because, like the Devil, it is most  
abominable.

2 Men are mortal, their enmities therefore  
should not be immortal.

3 Men are mutable; whom now I hate I  
may hereafter need.

4 Men are amiable; all made after the I-  
mage of Almighty God, and bought by the blood  
of his Son Jesus Christ.

5 If there be antipathy in Nature, it must  
be mastered by Grace, which must do mira-  
cles to Nature.

6 Beware of Anger, that if it kindle, it  
continue not to be wrath, and so cool into ma-  
lice.

Chap. 17. Of Revenge.

**T**he sin of Revenge strikes at God and  
man.

2 It invades Gods Privilege, and wrests  
the sword out of his hand.

3 It is an enemy to Nature, for men that  
are

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are born without Arms, should lbe without revenge.

4 Cæsars memory was noble, to forget nothing but wrongs.

5 To pass by an injury is a most excellent Victory.

6 Beware of self-love, and wrath, the father and mother of revenge.

### Chap. 18. Of Fear.

**T**he fear of God is the strength of man.

2 Love is the foundation of fear, he is not long fear'd that is not always loved.

3 Whoso doth truly fear God, doth faithfully serve him, really love him, zealously adore him, and doth good cheerfully.

4 The servant fears, and hates.

5 The son fears, and loves.

6 And folly fears what it cannot avoid.

7 If thou wilt not fear, do not hope.

8 Fear thy choice, rather than rue the chance.

9 He is soonest hurt that fears most :

10 For fear betrayeth the successors of reason.

11 Moderation in enjoying what we have, and desiring what we have not, casteth out cares and fears.

### Chap. 19 Of Impatience.

**I**mpatience is an insurrection against the Government of God, and a sin of an everlasting date; for the impatient man is in perpet-

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perpetual motion of misery, till at rest in his grave.

2 It is a Tutor to despair, and a Factor for Apostacy.

3 A sin which wastes the soul and weakens life, depriving it of a calm of Conscience, in Tempests of trouble.

4 A sin, so forbidding man to improve life, that rather than he shall die a Party, it will not suffer him to live a Saint.

5 By way of remedy against this sin, consider, Calamity is a common lot, from which no Saints nor Princes have any privilege, nor had he that was King of Saints, and Kings.

6 Study Christs Cross, no water so bitter, but that wood will sweeten it.

Chap. 20. Of ill Principles.

**I**t is an ill principle to think thy self good, because thou seest another worse, by that rule there shall be but one man bad in the world, that is the worst.

2 So likewise to think thy self not bad, because particularly good, by which rule, because no man is universally ill, there should not be one sinner.

3 Think not thy life good, if thy heart be honest; a wrong meaning marres a good action, a right makes not a good conversation.

4 Not to be an Hypocrite, is good; and so it is, not to be prophane,

5 Not

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5 Not to be w<sup>th</sup> moze good than I am, is good;  
but to be less good than I should be, is better :

6 So then, if I think as I should, I must do  
as I think.

7 Think not thy self good, because godly by  
firs; a habit of strength, not a fit, makes a  
healthy man;

8 A constancy of good carriage, not an act  
now and then, makes an holy one : we shall be  
judged by our ways, not our steps.

9 Think not thy self good, because thy belief  
is right; for the devils belteve and tremble:  
a good belief, and a good life, it is that makes a  
good man.

10 Believe thy self a Cherubim; and like  
not a Saint, thou art but a Devil; to thy fan-  
cy an Angel, but in Gods eye a Fiend; thine  
own elect, but Gods reprobate.

11 Think not thy soul well, if absolved of  
her sins; for offended Justice will punish no-  
thing moze than abused Mercy.

12 Think not that the practice of Pietie be-  
longs to the Cloyster and the Clergy: their ob-  
ligations may be moze, but thy duties are no  
less.

13 To prevent these kind of sins, ill habits  
are to be avoided: for

14 An ill custom is a second nature.

15 An inveterate disease it is, which to keep  
is death, and to leave impossible.

16 Entrance into a guilt tears off the bell  
of

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of shame; but continuance whores the fore-  
head.

17 Entrance conceives continuance; this  
begets custom, and that impudence.

18 Beware of ill company; how canst thou  
dread a plaguy body, and sit with a pestilent  
soul?

19 Fly all such infectious sinners, and let  
thy prayers be

Lord have mercy upon them.

### Chap. 21. Of Death.

**D**ie thou must, and after live in weal or  
wo for ever; and after death is no  
time to escape the wo if thou dost lose the weal;  
as thou dost tender then Eternity, look unto thy  
life:

2 For die thou must, but knowest not  
where, whether in House or Field, on Land or  
Water, on Bed or Board; it doth then behove  
the everp where to look to it.

3 Die thou must, but knowest not how;  
whether by a violent or natural course; by a  
casualty, or an infirmity; lingzingly, or sudden-  
ly, then everp where look for it.

4 Die thou must, but knowest not when;  
whether in the day or the night, this or that, or  
the next day, this or that hour, minute, or  
time, whether Morn, Noon, or Even: then  
evermore look after it.

5 Thou hast not strength to put death un-  
der thy foot, without a Christ in thy arms.

6 Thou

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6 Thou canst not welcome the one without fear, till thou embracest the other in thy faith, so that thou mayest well say,

7 To whom then should I look, but to thee, O Lord, who art my Saviour?

8 Forgive my sins, give me a repentance never to be repented of; and grant me thy salvation, that when I die, as I assuredly must, I may live eternally with thee, and by thee singing Hallelujahs of Praise, Honor, and Glory, to thee, and to the Lamb for ever.

9 All men know that the day of death will come, yet all, or almost all, do notwithstanding labour to put it off; yea, even those who believe, that after death they shall live more blessedly.

10 The last day of our life is unknown, that all days may be observed; the remedies are too late provided, when the dangers of death approach.

11 It is the opinion of Plato, that the whole life of a wise man, is the meditation of death.

12 That death is not accounted evil, which a good life hath gone before.

13 This temporal life, compared to the eternal, is rather to be accounted a death than a life.

14 They are not lost, but sent before, whom eternity hath received.

15 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?

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16 It is appointed for all men once to die.

17 Wherefore, O Lord, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

### Chap. 22. Of Judgement.

**I**T is not for us to know the day of Judgement; but being always uncertain of the coming of the Judge, let us so live, as if we were to be judged the next day.

2 Nothing doth more set forward an honest life, than for a man to believe he shall be judged: whom hidden things do not deceive, evil things do offend, and good things do delight.

3 The great Judge of the world is not presented by favor, nor led by mercy, nor corrupted with money, nor appealed by satisfaction, or repentance.

4 Let the soul while it hath time here, labor for it self by repentance, so long as here is place for mercy, for in the other world is the place of Justice.

5 In the day of Judgement we can have nothing to answer for our selves, where Heaven, Earth, the Air, Water, and the whole World shall witness our sins against us; and if all else should be silent, our thoughts, and our works especially shall stand before our eyes, accusing us before God.

6 On the right hand will be our sins accusing us, on the left hand innumerable Devils, underneath us the terrible deepness and darkness

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ness of hell, above the Judge offended, without the world burning; within the conscience tormenting; there shall the righteous scarcely be saved.

7 Alas miserable sinner, whether wilt thou fly? since to hide thy self is impossible, and to appear is intollerable.

Chap. 23. Of Time.

**T**ime and Providence may do any thing.

2 Truth is the issue of Time, by whom all secrets are discovered and laid open

3 Time past may be repented of, but not recalled.

4 The beginning of things is in our own power, but the ends thereof in Gods.

5 He that refuseth to repent and be reformed to day, perhaps may die before to morrow.

6 Let no day be spent without some remembrance how thou hast bestowed thy time.

7 Vespasian thought that day lost, wherein he had not gained a Friend.

8 Blessed are they that keep Judgment; and he that doth righteousness at all times.

Chap. 24. Of Discourses, Jest, and Censures.

**T**hat is the worst Jest, that is a close earnest.

2 It is not good jesting with edge-tools.

3 It is more to know when to be silent than when to speak.

4 He that thinketh much, and saith little, speaketh most.

5 Hear

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5 Hear and learn when you are young; discourse and jest when you are old.

6 But remember, they commonly know least that censure most.

7 And he that understandeth himself, or others, will rather wonder that things are so well done, than censure them for being no better.

8 Give me a man that speaks reason, rather than Authors, and sense rather than Scholisms, the one argues a good judgement, the other onely reading.

9 It is a greater commendation to say that a man is wise, than that he is well read.

10 He that flattereth unworthily before a mans face: will detract as unworthily behind his back.

11 So much as you hear any man detract from anothers worth, so far he comes short of it himself.

12 There are many that in words are ready to praise that which is good, but few that in works are ready to follow the same.

13 Perfect praise and felicity consisteth in a contented life, and a happy death.

14 Praise encourageth the spirit to do great and mighty things, and nourisheth true vertue where it is begun.

15 Commendations make the labor, light; the wit, studious; and the hope, rich.

16 These things are commendable in a Scholar,

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Scholar, silence in his Tongue, diligence in Reading, and civility in his Behaviour.

17 As the shadow followeth the body, so praise followeth vertue.

18 There is no day so clear but hath some cloud, noz any vertue so compleat, but it is subject to the scandal of the envious.

### Chap. 24. Of Moderation, Mean.

**A**ll evil lieth in extreams, that is, either in too much or too little; all good lieth in a mean, that is, neither too much, noz too little; which is both the best, and the safest condition.

2 In Musick the Mean is the sweetest part.

3 Fire hath alwayes smoak, as extreams hath alwayes trouble.

4 A certain King demanded counsel of a Bishop, the Bishop called for a large sheet of Parchment, whereon he wrot his advice in two words, a mean on the one side, and moderation on the other.

### Chap. 26. Of Marriage.

**M**en ought to obey the Lawes, and women to obey their Husbands.

2 He that marrieth in haste, repenteth at leisure.

3 Silence and patience are the married folks vertues.

4 Pure chastity is beauty to our souls, grace to our bodies, peace to our desires, the seal of grace, the staff of devotion, the mark of the just, the glory of life, and the comfort of death.

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5 The best four Vertues, are Chastity, Humilitie, Modesty, and Charity.

Chap. 27. Of Liberty, Obedience, Service.

**T**o much libertie is an occasion of too much confusion; libertie in the mind is a mark of goodnes; in the tongue, of simplicitie; in the hands, of filching; and in the conversation, of a defect in wit, modestie, and grace.

2 It is he is to be esteemed free, that is not enslaved to any lewd infirmity.

3 That man walketh most at libertie, that walketh by the rule of his Religion.

4 To have a settled conscience, is of all liberties the most pleasant.

5 To serve well, and with obedience, is a sign of great discretion.

6 To a wise man Bondage it self is libertie.

7 That Nation is truly happy, whose Sovereign is merciful, and whose Subjects are obedient.

8 The obedience of wicked men is fear, but the just man obeys for love.

9 Where reason is the Master, appetite is the Servant.

10 Disobedience proceedeth from neglect, for he shall best be obeyed, that best knows how to govern.

11 They make oftentimes the best masters, that in former times had been the best servants.

12 He that obeyeth those above him, is a good tutor to those beneath him.

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13 He that is obedient consults his devotion,  
his discretion, his safety, and his religion.

### Chap. 28 Of Choice.

**I**f thou cholest a Wife, consult the endowments of her mind, more than the beauty of her person, the first is the Jewel, the other but the Cabinet that holds it.

2 Be not hasty in thy Choice, lest thou dost that in a day that cannot be undone in an age.

3 If thy Choice be beauty, that is not without its blasse; if riches, they have wings; if friends, they are fickle; but if verue, thou art happy, for she alone is durable.

4 Let thy Choice alway be labelled at what is good, not what is great.

5 Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the children of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin.

6 And hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom, which he hath promised to them that love him?

### Chap. 29. Of Consideration.

**C**onsider long what you do, and do quickly what you have considered.

2 A wise man thinketh upon what hath formerly been done, and doth what shall hereafter be thought upon by others.

3 He that considereth what is past, may foresee what is to come.

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4 The consideration of delights past are burthen som to a dejected mind.

5 Blessed is he that considereth the powr, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Chap. 34. Of Conscience.

**A** Good Conscience is a great comfort.

2 An ill Conscience is a Wiper in the bosom of a sinner.

3 To act wilfully against the Conscience, is to rebel against the divine Lawes of the Almighty.

4 The Conscience is a Diary, that contains an account of mans failings and imperfections.

5 A good Conscience is a continual Feast.

6 Be careful of thy Conscience, for thou hast nothing else to accompany thee into another world.

7 A guilty Conscience is afraid before it is hurt, nor doth it need an Accuser.

8 No plague more terrible, nor curse more grievous, than the guilt of a self-accusing Conscience.

9 Fear God, Honor the King, love thy Neighbor; hate no man, and that for Conscience sake:

10 For the end of the Commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good Conscience, and faith unfeigned.

Chap. 31. Of Ingratitude.

**T**o repay good for good, is humane; to return evil for good, is devilish; to render evil

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evil for evil, is wicked; but to return good for evil, is divine.

2 Wipe injuries in dust, but courtesies in marble.

3 He that is covetous is most apt to be ungrateful.

4 E'er to be begging, or borrowing; without making a restitution, is an ungrateful disposition, and doth oftentimes work dissention amongst the most intimate friends and acquaintance.

5 If a man be born a Fool, his Nature is his Apology, but nothing can excuse the man that is ungrateful.

6 To cast away courtesies upon an ungrateful person, is like a mans hiding his treasure in the Sea.

7 Those relations that are most closely tyed by the bands of affinity and consanguinity, are nevertheless oftentimes divided by this mischievous vice of Ingratitude.

8 There is a tincture of the monstrous sin of Ingratitude in the Natures of all men, as we are the children of disobedience, and the offspring of our Father Adam.

9 He is extreamply unthankful that will forget a courtesie, but he is impiously, and wickedly ungrateful, that shall render ill for the good he doth receive.

10 The word Ingratitude is the epitomy of all impiety.

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Chap. 32. Of Beauty.

**B**eauty is the ornament of the body, of so bewitching a nature, that it even forceth an affection from the greatest strangers.

2 But a flower of so short a life, that it dies as it is blossomed.

3 Beauty is a strong Spant, but is sometimes however captivated by the other Spant, Gold.

4 Age and sickness are great enemies to Beauty.

5 But the Beauty of the soul is permanent, as Vertue, Wisdom, which are flowers that grow not in every ones Garden.

6 They that paint themselves to become beautiful; are displeased with what God hath done for them, and by endeavoring to hide the defects of the body, they augment the number of those spots and stains that infect the soul.

7 That man is unnatural that hath not an high esteem for Beauty.

8 But Beauty without discretion, is like a pearl in a swines mouth.

9 Nature seems cruel in this, that a young man cannot dart his eyes at a Beauty, without great peril of being wounded himself.

10 The glory of young men is their strength, and the beauty of old men is their gray head.

11 How beautiful are the feet of him that bringeth peace and glad tidings of good things!

12 Favor is deceitful, and Beauty is vain,  
but

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but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

### Chap. 33. Of Youth.

**T**he greatest work we have to do in Youth is to take care that we may not need to repent in age.

2 Youth that formerly took delight in brave exploits, is now turned debout, and become a zealous votary to some feminine beauty.

3 Humility is a Learning fit for Youth, and affliction makes an old man wise.

4 A pious custom makes an old habit.

5 The young mans vertue is obedience.

6 Blushes are the beauties of the young, resolutions are the ornaments of the old.

7 The young man thinketh that the old man is a fool, the old man knoweth he is so.

8 Short instructions are fittest for Youth, because soonest learned, and easiest remembered by them.

9 Fly youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that believe on the Lord with a pure heart.

10 And remember thy Creator in the days of thy Youth.

### Chap. 34. Of Heaven and Hell.

**T**he way to Heaven, is to have continual thoughts of Hell; the musing on Hells eternal fire may make thee careful to avoid the way to them, and sin the fuel of them.

2 It is a dear bargain to buy a sin at the loss

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of Heaven, and to have that sin accompanied with the conscience tormenting threats of Hell-fire; wherefore let hell be in thy thoughts, but let Heaven be in thy aim.

3 If Gods Palace, Heaven, be the best place, his Prison, Hell, is certainly the worst.

4 If the joys of that pass all understanding, the pains of this are above our comprehension.

5 Discourse may make them great, but experience makes them little.

6 Hell and destruction are before the Lord; how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

7 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Chap. 35. Of Fame and Infamy.

**R**eport is commonly a lper; and therefore not to be belished.

2 A good Name is worth the having, yet it is hard to keep.

3 To live well is the way to dye well, and he that so lives, and so dies, his Name shall never be forgotten.

4 Fame keeps his Register in Heaven, and there neither moth nor rust can enter to devour it.

5 An infamous Report is the murderer of Reputation.

6 Fame, Time, and Riches, make shew of their wings.

7 It is the Princes Fame to be beloved by his

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his Subjects; and their Fame, to be obedient to their Prince.

8 If thou wouldest be famous thyself, endeavor not to stifle the reputation of another.

9 Speak as well as thou canst, and live as well as thou speakest, so shalt thou be famous, and thy Name shall live.

10 That man is infamous indeed, whose life is hated, and whose death longed for.

11 Time hath iron teeth, but however it will gnaw abundantly, ere it can swallow down an Infamy.

12 A good Name is a good portion in the time of distress.

13 The memory of the Just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot.

14 A good Name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

15 A good Name is better than precious Ointment, and the day of death than the day of ones birth.

### Chap. 36. Of Wisdom and Understanding:

**M**AN giveth his heart to search and seek out by Wisdom concerning all things that are done under Heaven; this soze travail hath God given to the sons of men, to be exercised therewith.

2 The wise man takes care for necessities, not for superfluities.

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3 He is rich that is rich in Wisdom, it will teach him to be content in all conditions.

4 The wise man is master of his own passions.

5 Wisdom asks nothing considerable without premeditation.

6 Wise men see their own faults by the follies of others.

7 It is Wisdom to be cautious, and a folly to be too doubtful.

8 The wise man knows how to receive a wrong, as well as to resent it.

9 That man that is too wise, is too foolish.

10 The price of Wisdom is above rubies.

11 The fear of the Lord is wisdom, and to depart from evil is Understanding, but fools despise Wisdom and Instruction.

12 The Lord giveth Wisdom, out of his mouth cometh knowledge and Understanding.

13 Happy is that man that findeth Wisdom, and getteth Understanding.

14 Wisdom strengthneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the City.

15 There was a little City, and few men within it, and there came a great King against it, and besieged it, and built great Bulwarks against it.

16 Now there was in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the City, yet no man remembred that same poor man.

17 Wisdom is better than strength, nevertheless

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theless the poore mans Wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

18 Whomever he that getteth Wisdom loveth his own soul, and he that keepeth Understanding shall find good.

19 Through Wisdom is an House builded, and by Understanding it is established.

20 Whosoever in Wisdom there is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

21 But Wisdom excelleth Folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

Chap. 37. Of Hypocrisie and Dissimulation.

**H**e understandeth not the world, that layeth himself open to be understood.

2 Reservedness is to be commended; closeness and dexterity is to be commended; but dissimulation is to be hated.

3 Many men that are lip-holy, are nevertheless heart-hollow.

4 A mortal enemy is better than a false friend.

5 To counterfeit a shew of Religion, is to dissemble with God and man.

6 The Hypocrite, when once discovered, will not be believed though he speaketh the truth.

7 If there be one place in Hell hotter than another, it may be called Locus Hypocritarum, the place of Hypocrites.

8 He that hateth, dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him.

9 The joy of the Hypocrite is but for a moment.

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10 Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is Hypocrisie.

11 When thou dost Alms, do not sound a trumpet as the Hypocrites do; they have their reward.

Chap. 38. Of Life.

**W**E are certain we cannot live long, and uncertain whether we shall live at all.

2 When a man saith this, he is not sure his tongue shall speak it out.

3 Mans Life is a Vottery, where some draw much, others nothing.

4 He that endeavoreth, attaineth; he that neglecteth, repenteth.

5 He that doth all he can do, doth all he should do.

6 A laborious life in youth, is encouraged with the hope of a quiet life in age.

7 Pain and pleasure take their turns in his life.

8 It is better not to live, than not to know how to live.

9 The life of the world is but the hope of a life in a better world.

10 It is better discretion to study how to live, than how long to live.

11 They cannot think to live well; that do not think to die.

12 Death is the end of our fears, and the beginning of our joys.

13 No man dieth more contentedly, than he that liveth most uprightly.

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Chap. 39 Of Riches.

**T**here is an evil under the sun, and it is common among men.

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honoz, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth; yet God gi-  
beth him not power to eat thereof, but a stran-  
ger eateth it: this is vanity and an evil disease.

3 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; noz he that loveth abundance with increase.

4 When goods encrease, they are increased that eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof; saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

5 The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, whether he eateth little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

6 There is a sore evil under the sun, name-  
ly, riches kept for the owners thereof, to their hurt.

7 Those riches perish by evil travel; and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

8 As he came forth of his mothers womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall carry nothing of his laboz with him.

9 There is also a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go, and what profit hath he that labozeth for the wind?

10 All his days also he eateth in darkness,  
and

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and hath much sorrow and wrath in his sickness.

11 It is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun, all the days of his life which God giveth him; for it is his portion.

12 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoyce in his labour; this is the gift of God.

13 For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

### Chap. 40.

#### Lemuels description of a good Wife.

**A** Vertuous woman is a crown to her husband, but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

1 Who can find a vertuous woman, for her price is far above rubies.

2 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

3 She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

4 She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

5 She is like the Merchants Ships; she bringeth food from far.

6 She

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7 She ariseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

8 She considereth a field and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

9 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengthneth her arms.

10 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good, her candle goeth not out by night.

11 She layeth her hands to the Spindle and Distaff.

12 She stretcheth out her hands to the poor; she reacheth forth her hand to the needy.

13 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for they are all clothed with scarlet.

14 She maketh her self coverings of Tapestrey; her cloathing is silk and purple.

15 Her husband is known in the gates: when he sitteth with the elders of the land.

16 She maketh fine linnen and selleth it; and delibereth girdles unto the Merchant.

17 Strength and honor are her cloathing, and she shall rejoyce in time to come.

18 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

19 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

20 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her.

21 Flattery is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

22 Praise

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22 Gibe her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the Gates.

Chap. 41. Of the increase of Vanity.

**I** Considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter: and on the side of their oppressors there was power, but they had no comforter.

2 Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead, more than the living which are yet alive.

3 Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbor, this is vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 Man by wisdom seeketh concerning all things that are done under Heaven; this sore travail hath God given to the sons of men, to be exercised therewith.

6 The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

7 Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with trouble and vexation of spirit.

8 A man that hath neither child nor brother, yet hath no end of all his labor, neither is his age satisfied with riches, neither saith he, For whom do I labor, and bereave my soul

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of god: this is also vanity, yea, it is a soze travel.

9 If a man beget an hundred children, and liue many yeares, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no Burial, I say, that an untimely death is better than he.

10 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darknes.

11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this vain life, which he spendeth as a shadow; for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

Chap. 42. Of Vanity in Diuine affairs,

**K**cep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God: and be more ready to hear than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God; for God is in Heauen, and thou upon Earth, therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a Dream cometh from the multitude of business, and a Fool is known by the multitude of words.

4 When thou bowest a bow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better it is that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer

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6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin, neither say thou before the Angel, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams, and many words, there are divers vanities; but fear thou God.

Chap. 43. The Creation of the World.

**I**n the beginning God created the Heaven, and the Earth.

2 The Earth was without form, and darkness covered the face of the deep, and the divine spirit moved upon the waters.

3 And God said, let there be light, and there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night; and the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters: and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made a firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament, from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament, Heaven; and the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And

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9 And God said, Let the waters under the Heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land, Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grasse and herbs yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in it self upon the earth; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grasse, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielded fruit, whose seed was in it self after his kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven, to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth; and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth:

18 And to rule over the day, and over the night; and to divide the light from the darkness, and God saw that it was good.

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19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of Heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the Seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattel, and creeping things, and beast of the earth after his kind, and it was so.

25 And God made the beasts of the earth after his kind, and cattel after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind; and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our Image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the Cattel, and over all the earth, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own Image,

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in the Image of God created he him, male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold it was very good; and the evening, and the morning were the sixth day.

### Chap 44.

#### The History of Samson.

**S**amson with his father and his mother went down to the vineyards of Timnath, and behold a young lion roared against him.

2 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand.

3 And he turned aside to see the carcases of the

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Upon ; and behold there was a swarm of bees,  
and honey in the carcases of the Ipon.

4 And he took thereof in his hands, and went  
on eating, and came to his father and mother,  
and he gave them, and they did eat.

5 And Samson made a feast, and said unto  
thirtie of his companions that were with him,  
I will put forth a riddle unto you, if you can de-  
clare it me within the seven days of the feast,  
I will give you thirtie sheets, and thirtie change  
of garments.

6 But if you cannot declare it me, then shall  
ye give me in like manner; and they said unto  
him, Put forth thy riddle that we may hear it.

7 And he said, Out of the eater came forth  
meat, and out of the strong came forth sweet-  
ness; and they could not expound the riddle.

8 And it came to pass on the seventh day,  
that they said unto Samsons wife, Entice thy  
husband to declare the riddle, lest we burn thee  
and thy fathers house with fire.

9 And Samsons wife wept before him, and  
said, thou lovest me not, for thou hast put forth  
a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast  
not told it me.

10 And she wept before him seven the days  
while the feast lasted, and on the seventh day he  
told her, because she lay sore upon him, and she  
told the riddle to the children of her people.

11 And they said unto him on the seventh  
day before the sun went down, What is sweeter  
than

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than honey, and what is stronger than a lion ?  
And he said then , if ye had not ploughed with  
my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

12 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon  
him, and he went down to Ashkelon , and slew  
thirty men of them , and took their spoil , and  
gave change of garments to them which ex-  
pounded the riddle :

13 And Samsons wife was given to his com-  
panion, whom he used as his friend.

14 A while after, in the time of wheat har-  
vest , Samson visited his wife with a kild , and  
he said , I will go into my wife into the cham-  
ber , but her father would not suffer him to go  
in.

15 But said , I verily thought thou hadst  
utterly hated her , therefore I gave her to thy  
companion; is not her younger sister fairer than  
she ? take her, I pray thee, in her stead.

16 But Samsons wrath being kindled , he  
went and caught three hundred foxes , and took  
firebrands, and turned tail to tail , and put a  
firebrand between two tails.

17 And when he had set the brands on fire,  
he let them go into the standing corn of the  
Philistines, and they burnt up the shocks , and  
also the standing corn, with the vineyards, and  
Olives.

18 Then the Philistines said , Who hath  
done this ? and it was answered, Samson the  
son in law of the Timnite, because he had given

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his wife to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

19 Nevertheless Samson smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went and dwelt on the top of the rock Eram.

20 Then three thousand men of Judah went on the top of the rock Eram, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us, what is this that thou hast done: and he said, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

21 And they said, We are come to bind thee fast, and to deliver thee into their hands, but surely we will not kill thee our selves; so they bound him with two new cords, and brought him from the rock.

22 And when the Philistines saw him they shouted against him; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his hands loosed from off his hands.

23 And he found a new Jaw bone of an Ass, and put forth his hand and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

24 And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast delivered me from mine enemies, yet now shall I dye for thirst, and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised.

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25 But God clabe an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout, and when he had drank, his spirits were revived.

26 Then went Samson unto Gaza, and saw there an Harlot, and went in unto her.

27 And the Gazites compassed him in, and laid wait for him all the night, saying, In the morning we shall kill him.

28 And Samson arole at midnight, and took the doers of the gate of the City, and the two posts, bar and all, and putting them on his shoulders, carried them away with him.

29 After this he loved a woman whose name was Delilah.

30 And the Lords of the Philistines said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may bind him, to prebail against him; and we will give thee, every one of us, eleven hundred pieces of silver.

31 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound, to afflict thee.

32 And Samson said, Bind me with seven green withs that were never dried; then shall I be weak, and as another man.

33 And she bound him therewith, and there were men lying in wait in the chamber, and she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson,

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and he brake the withs as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire.

34 And Delilah said unto Samson, Thou hast mocked me, and told me lies; tell me now, I pray thee, wherewith thou mayest be bound.

35 And he said, bind me fast with new ropes, that were never pet used, then I shall be weak as another man.

36 Delilah bound him therewith, and said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson, and he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

37 And Delilah said unto Samson, Thou hast hitherto mocked me, tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound; and he said unto her, if thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

38 And she fastned it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson; and he awaked, and went away with the beam, and with the web.

39 And she said unto him, how canst thou love me, when thine heart is not with me; thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lyeth.

40 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, that he told her all his heart, and said unto her, there hath not come a razor upon my head; for I have been a Nazarene unto God from my mothers womb, if I be shaven, my strength will decay, and I shall be weak as another man.

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41 Then Delilah sent for the Lords of the Philistines, and told them what had passed; and they brought money in their hands.

42 And she made him sleep upon her knees, and she caused a man to shave off his seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

43 And she said, the Philistines be upon thee Samson, and he awoke and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake my self; and he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

44 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass, and put him to grind in the Prison-house.

45 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaven.

46 Then the Lords of the Philistines met to offer Sacrifice to Dagon their God, and to rejoyce that Samson their enemy was delivered into their hands.

47 And when their hearts were merry, they called for Samson to make them sport, and they set him between the pillars.

48 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, suffer me to feel the pillars, that I may lean upon them.

49 There were upon the roof of the house about three thousand men, and women, and all the Lords of the Philistines were there.

50 And Samson called unto the Lord, and said,

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said, O Lord remember me, I pray thee, this once, that I may be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

51 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and said, Let me die with the Philistines; and he bowed himself with all his might, and the house fell upon all therein, so the dead which he slew at his death, were more than they which he slew in his life.

Chap. 45.

*David killeth Goliath.*

**T**He Armies of the Israelites, and Philistines being ready to battel, there went out a Champion from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

2 He had a Helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, whose weight was five thousand shekels of brass.

3 He had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

4 The staff of his spear was like a weavers beam, his spears head weighed six hundred shekels of Iron, and a shield bearer went before him.

5 And he cried to the Armies of Israel, chuse you a man for you, and let him come down to me, for I defie the Armies of Israel this day.

6 When Saul and all Israel heard those words, they were dismayed.

7 And

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7 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

8 Now David came to the trench as the host was going forth to fight, and shouted for the battel.

9 And as he talked with his brethren, behold Goliath the Champion of the Philistines spake as before, and David heard him.

10 And all the men of Israel when they saw the man, fled from him, for they were sore afraid.

11 And the men of Israel said, whosoever shall kill this man, that is come to defie Israel, the king shall enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his fathers house free in Israel.

12 And David spake unto Saul, saying, Let no mans heart fail because of him; thy servant will go out and fight with this Philistine.

13 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to fight with him, for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

14 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his fathers sheep, and there came a Lyon, and a Bear, and took a Lamb out of the flock.

15 And I went out after him and smote him, and having delivered the lamb, when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and slew him.

16 Thy servant slew both the Lyon and the Bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be

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he as one of them, seeing he hath defied the Armies of the living God.

17 And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

18 And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head, also he armed him with a coat of mail.

19 And David girded his sword upon his armor, and assayed to go, for he had not proved it; and David said, I cannot go with these, so he put them off again.

20 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherds bag which he had, and his sling was in his hand, and he drew near the Philistine.

21 And the Philistine drew near unto David, and the man that bare the shield went before him.

22 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

23 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his Gods.

24 And the Philistine said to David, come to me, and I will give thy flesh to the fowls of the air, and to the beasts the field.

25 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and

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and with a shield, but I come unto thee in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the Armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

26 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hands, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee, that all the Earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

27 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and drew nigh unto David, that David hasted toward the Army to meet the Philistine.

28 And David took a stone from his bag, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his head, and he fell down upon his face unto the earth.

29 Then David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took the Philistines sword, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith, and when the Philistines saw their Champion was dead, they fled.

Chap. 6. Daniel in the Lions Den.

**I**n the days of Darius King of Persia, all the Presidents of the Kingdom, the Governors and the Princes, the Counsellors, and the Captains, consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever should ask a Petition of any God or man, save of the King himself, he should be cast into the den of Lions.

2 The King likewise established this decree, and signed the writing, that it might not be changed,

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changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

3 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks to his God, as formerly.

4 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying, and making supplication before his God.

5 And they spake unto the King concerning his Decree, and said unto him, That Daniel which is of the captivity of the children of Judah, regardeth not the King, nor his Decree, but maketh his petition three times a day.

6 When the King heard these words he was sore displeased with himself, and labored till the going down of the sun to deliver Daniel.

7 But these men hating Daniel, assembled before the King, and urged, That the Law of the Medes and Persians is, that no Decree, or statute, which the King establisheth, may be changed.

8 Then the King commanded, and they brought forth Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions; now the King spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

9 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the King sealed it with

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with his own signet, and with the signet of his Lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

10 Then the King went to his Palace, and passing the night fasting, neither were instruments of Musick brought befoze him, and his sleep went from him.

11 So the King arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of Lions.

12 And when he came to the den, he cryed with a lamentable voice unto Daniel, saying, O Daniel, servant to the living God, is thy God whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the Lions?

13 Then said Daniel unto the King, O King live for ever.

14 My God hath sent his Angel, and hath shut the Lions mouths, that they have not hurt me, forasmuch as befoze him, innocency was found in me; and also befoze thee, O King, have I done no hurt.

15 Then was the King exceeding glad for him, and commanded Daniel to be taken front out the den; so Daniel was taken out, and no hurt found about him, because he believed in his God.

16 Then the King commanded, and those men were brought that accused Daniel, and were cast into the Lions den, they, their children and their wives, and the Lions brake their bones in pieces ere they came to the bottom of the den.

17 Then

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17 Then King Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth, to let them know his decree, that in every dominion of his kingdom, men should tremble, and fear before the God of Daniel, who hath delivered him from the paw of the lions.

18 So Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

### Chap. 47. Of Kings.

**M**an, fear thou the Lord and the King, and meddle not with them that are given to change.

2 I counsel thee to keep the Kings commandment, and that in regard of the Wrath of God.

3 Curse not the King, no not in thy thought, for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

4 Where the word of a King is, there is power, and who may say unto him, What dost thou?

5 Is it fit to say to a King, Thou art wicked? and to Princes, He are ungodly?

6 The wrath of a King is as messengers of death, but a wise man will pacifie it.

7 In the light of the Kings countenance is life, and his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.

8 It is an abomination to Kings to commit wickedness; for the Throne is established by righteousness.

9 Righteous

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9 Righteous lips are the delight of Kings,  
and they love him that speaketh right.

10 The Prince that wanteth understanding is a great oppressor, but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

11 A wise King scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

12 Mercy and truth preserve the King, and his throne is upholden by mercy.

13 A divine sentence is in the lips of the King; his mouth transgresseth not in Judgment.

14 The King by judgment establisheth the land, but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

15 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honor of Kings is to search out a matter.

16 The Heaven for height, the earth for depth, and the hearts of Kings are unsearchable.

17 Nevertheless, the Kings heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water, he turneth it whither he will.

18 Take away the wicked from before the King, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

19 Wo unto thee, O land, when thy King is a child, and thy Princes eat in the morning.

20 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy King is the son of nobles, and thy Princes eat in due season, for strength and not for drunkenness.

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A Prayer for the Kings most excellent  
Majesty, the Queen Duke of *York*,  
and the rest of the Royal  
Family.

O Thou Eternal Lord God, King of Kings,  
Lord of Lords, and mighty Ruler of  
Princes, hear our prayer, we beseech thee, and  
let our supplications come before thee; bless  
with the choicest of thy blessings, thy faithful  
Servant, and our most gracious Soberaign  
Lord King CHARLES, fasten him as a  
nail in a sure place, and hang upon him all the  
Glories of his pious Ancestors; let his reign  
be prosperous, and his days many, visit him  
as thou didst visit Moses in the bush, Joshua in  
the battel, Gideon in the field, and Samuel in  
the Temple, give unto him the blessings of Da-  
vid and Solomon, endue him with the spirit of  
fortitude, wisdom, and understanding; be unto  
him a helmet of salvation, and a strong Tower  
of defence in time of danger, save and defend  
him from the hands of them that hate him,  
abate their pride, assuage their malice, and  
confound their devices, cloath his enemies  
with

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with shame, but on his head let the Crown flourish; let the memory of his Martyr'd Father be ever blessed among us, that we may follow the Example of his patience and piety: Pour forth, we beseech thee O Lord, a plentiful portion of thy blessings upon his Royal Consort, the nursing Mother of this Land, our gracious Queen Katherine, the illustrious Prince James Duke of York, and the rest of the Royal Family, be thou their mighty Preserver, Director, and Defender in this life, and in thy due time take them to a better, even to thine own bright Kingdom, that they may live and reign with thee, and sitting at thy right hand may partake of the celestial pleasures for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

King CHARLES the Second began his Reign the thirtieth day of *January* 1648. at which time his Royal Father of glorious memory was most barbarously murdered.

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A



Unhappy chance! such fate should give  
That man should sin as soon as live:  
From whence this observation makes,  
No Paradise but hath a snake.

B



That Boy a vertuous road doth trace,  
Is studious to improve apace:  
If thou wilt for preferment look,  
In youth be mindful of thy Book.

C



The Cat of Nature takes advice,  
To be an enemy to Mice,  
He pleasantly will sport an hour,  
At last the silly Mouse devour.

D



All flesh is grass, the life of man,  
A shadow, or at best a span,  
Our Wit, our Learning, or our Art,  
Are vain when Death presents his dart.

E



The Elephant, a creature strong  
As any, all the Beasts among,  
Upon whose back a Castle stands,  
Humbly submits to death's commands

F



Who merits well, his worth shall last  
As long as Fame shall have a blast:  
The just shall live, although they die;  
They're Heirs unto Eternity.

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G



If thou to Vertue do incline,  
The Garland surely shall be thine:  
For he that will the Garland win,  
Must unacquainted be with sin.

H



The Horse is swift to run his Race,  
So should we be in point of Grace;  
We are concern'd to shew our skill,  
When bruits observe their masters will

I



When Jesus dy'd upon the Tree,  
Was he not crucifi'd for thee?  
Then think all things but as loss  
To Christ, that suffer'd on the Cross.

K



The Keys of Heaven, Hell, and Death,  
Are his, all things above, beneath,  
Or in the Earth, justly accord,  
To fear and honor him their Lord.

L



(wealth,  
Why should we boast of worth, or  
We are but Tenants: Riches Health,  
Are lent us; *Lazarus* his sore  
Makes dust, and *Dives* does no more.

M



The Marigold that looks so fair,  
Is onely for a moment rare,  
To day with other beauties vying,  
To morrow either dead, or dying.

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N



The chirping Nightingale whose throat  
Is tun'd with Natures pleasant rote,  
To day from Bush to Bush it flies,  
To morrow sings, and then it dies.

O



The hardy Ox, and one would think  
Him stuff'd so well with meat & drink,  
All thoughts of fear from him were fled  
Yet he is to the slaughter led.

P



Let time be turbulent or calm,  
The righteous flourish like a Palm;  
Are they depress'd, they then rebound,  
As bals thrown hard against the ground

Q



The candor of an honest Heart  
Is Armor 'gainst the sharpest dart,  
For though the Quiver emptied be,  
The soul shall still continue free.

R



Consider well the frailty then,  
The glories of this world, even when  
The rose that spreads its pride so much  
Is vanish'd with a puff, or touch.

S



The wisdom of the Serpent love,  
And eke the innocence of Dove,  
Conjoyning, they together even  
Prepare a man for bliss, and Heaven.

# The Kings Psalter.

T



Religion is in good men sown ;  
And by the fruit the Tree is known,  
For be the Tree or bad or good,  
It by the fruit is understood.

U



The Unicorn, that Beast of state,  
Must bow (as meaner ones) to fate,  
All things but for a moment move  
Below, what e're they do above.

W



Time, as the Wolf, devours again  
Not sheep alone, but all the train  
Of Natures rarities : His Jaws  
Less subject too, to humane Laws.

X



Kings not exempted are from death,  
But must resign th'ir vital breath;  
The flesh of Xerxes in the grave  
No more esteem'd than that of slave.

Y



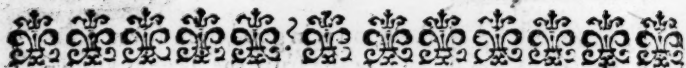
Then Youth remember in thy prime,  
Begin to serve the Lord betime,  
Let holy thoughts thy spirit raise,  
Death cannot celebrate his Praise.

Z



Run as *Zacharias* did to see  
His Lord, and climb as well as he,  
Which you must zealous be to do,  
So shall Salvation come to you.

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Words fitly spoken ;

OR,

Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver.

**C**onfidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble , is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

2 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather , and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.

3 It is no shame to be poor, nature brought us so into the world, and so we do return.

4 Dost thou want things necessary, grumble not ; perchance it was necessary thou shouldst want ; however seek a lawful remedy , if God bless not thy endeavor, bless him that knoweth what is fittest for thee ; thou art Gods Patient, prescribe not thy Physician.

5 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty ; and he that ruleth his spirit , than he that taketh a City.

6 Art thou calumniated , examine thy conscience, if guilty, thou hast a just correction ; if not guilty, a fair instruction ; use both, so shalt thou distill honey out of gall , and make to thy self a secret friend of an open enemy.

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7 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: so shalt thou heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.

8 Charity makes God our debtor, for the poor are his receivers.

9 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

10 It is a difficult thing in this world to be rich and honorable, and not wounded with the darts of pride and vain glory.

11 Hast thou an Estate, and wouldest increase it, divide thy riches to the poor; those seeds that are scattered do increase, but hoarded up, they dye.

12 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous, but who is able to stand before envy?

13 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong City; and their contentions are like the bars of a Castle.

14 The Kings wrath is as the roaring of a Lion, but his favor is as dew upon the grass.

15 Correction without instruction, makes the master a tyrant, and the servant a novice.

16 The words of a tale-bearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

17 Who so diggeth a pit shall fall therein, and he that rolleth a stone to anothers hurt, it shall return upon him.

18 Char.

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18 That man is a conqueror indeed, that can subdue his own passions.

19 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

20 Arm thy self against a profest enemy, but be that dissembleth friendship strikes beyond caution, and wounds above a cure; from the one thou mayest deliver thy self, but from the other, good Lord deliver thee.

21 Open rebuke is better than secret love.

22 The touchstone trieth gold, and gold trieth men.

23 A man that flattereth his neighbor, spreadeth a net for his feet.

24 Pleasant words are as an Honey-comb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 It is better to live where nothing is lawful, than where all things are lawful.

26 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled Ox, and hatred therewith.

27 Vertue must be the guide in all qualities, otherwise the professor is undone.

28 As the servants of God are known by their two vertues, humility and charity; so the servants of the Devil are known by their opposite vices, pride and cruelty.

29 The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a Lion.

30 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more, but the righteous hath an everlasting foundation.

31 The

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31 The best way to keepe good Acts in memory, is to refresh them with new.

32 Are thy Trunks filled with Gold, another comes that hath Iron better than thee, and makes himself master of it all.

33 The sloathful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting, but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

34 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

35 He that tilleth his land, shall be satisfied with bread, but he that followeth vain persons shall have poverty enough.

36 Errors by mistakes are pardonable, but wilful ones are to be punished.

37 To boast is to be vain, since the greatest Conqueror, if he measure his own shadow, shall find it no longer than it was befoze his victory.

38 Believe not Soothsayers, for Prophecies are never understood, till they are accomplished.

39 As a Jewel of gold in a swines snout, so is a fair woman without discretion.

40 By means of a whoreson woman a man is brought to a piece of bread; and the Adulterers will hunt for the precious life.

41 He gains most by War, that cannot maintain himself in peace.

42 The world is a wide Prison, and every day an execution-day.

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43 Our stomacks are common Sepulchres for Birds, Beasts, and Fish; they all dye to feed us, Lord, with how many deaths are our poore liues patcht up? how full of death is the life of man?

44 Beware of drinke, where Drunkennesse reigns, reason is an exile, vertue a stranger, and God an enemy; blasphemy is wit, oaths are rhetorick, and secrets are proclamations.

45 Noah being drunk, in one hour discovered that which he had concealed six hundred years.

46 There are four things neuer satisfied, the grave, the barren womb, the thirsty earth, and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

47 There are four things which are wonderful and not to be known, the way of an Eagle in the air, the way of a Serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the sea, and the way of a man with a maid.

48 For four things the earth is disquieted, for a servant when he reigneth, a fool when he is filled with meat, an odious woman when she is married, and an hand-maid that is heir to her mistress.

49 There are four little things on the earth that are exceeding wise.

50 The Ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.

51 The Coneyes are but a feeble folk, yet make they their holes in rocks.

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52 The Locusts have no kings, yet go they forth by bands.

53 The spider taketh hold with his hands, and is in kings palaces.

54 There are four things which are comely in going.

55 The Lion which is strongest amongst beasts, and turneth not away for any; a Greyhound, an He-goat, and a King, against whom there is no resistance.

56 Thou art sinning alwayes, pray alwayes; repent this hour, lest thou die the next.

Agurs Prayer.

57 Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me:

58 Lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the Name of my God in vain.

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### Graces before and after Meat.

#### Grace before meat.

**G**od Lord bless us, and these thy good creatures to our use, which we are about to receive of thy bounteous liberalitp, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Grace after meat.

**W**e thank thee, O Lord, for all thy benedictions, both of this time, and of our whole lives, make us thankful for all thy mercies now and for evermore. Amen.

#### Grace before Meat.

**L**ord be merciful unto us, and bless us, sanctifie these thy good creatures to our use, and us unto thy self, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ. Amen.

#### Grace after Meat.

**O** Lord, we thank thee for the use of these thy good creatures, wherewith thou hast been pleased to feed and refresh our weak and frail bodie; we beseech thee likewise to refresh our souls with the bread of life, and that alone for Iesus Christ his sake, who though he died for us, lieth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

#### Grace before meat.

**O** Lord bless us, and this our store,  
And make us thankful evermore. Amen.

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*Grace after Meat.*

**W**E praise thy Name, for thou, O Lord,  
In plentious manner dost accord,  
To help us both at bed and board,  
By all the world be thou ador'd. *Amen.*

*Grace before Meat.*

**O** Lord, the merciful and good;  
Bless and sanctifie our food,  
Grant they to us may wholesome be,  
And make us thankful unto thee. *Amen.*

*Grace after Meat.*

**O** Lord, to whom all praise is due,  
Be worship, honor, glory too.  
Preserve thy Church, our King defend,  
And grant us peace world without end. *Amen.*

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**P**raise ye the Lord God. Praise God in his  
sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of  
his power,

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise  
him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trum-  
pet: praise him with the psalter and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:  
praise him with stringed instruments & organs

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise  
him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise  
the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.



FEAR

Fear GOD, Honor the  
KING.



And meddle not with them that are  
given to change.

Be subject to all in authority; to the  
KING as most excellent.

Be subject not onely for fear, but for  
conscience sake.

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